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# The Italians celebrate after Alessandro Altobelli had put them ahead, two minutes before half-time.

# ALL THE NEWS FROM THE WORLD CUP FINALS

# CHRIS BAMBRIDGE CENTRE OF CONTROVERSY

AUSTRALIA's ace referee, Chris Bambridge was early yesterday morning being abused with claims that he robbed Spain from at least a draw when he disallowed them a goal in the 53rd minute in their World Cup clash with Brazil.

Spain went down 1-0 to the Brazilians at the Estadio Jalisco in Guadalajara in a match where our Chris received a rough baptism in World Cup Soccer Finals.

The match saw Bambridge disallow two goals and come very close as early as the second minute to handing out a red card.

The possible early red card incident came when Spanish defender Paulo Victor upended Brazilian striker Careca with a vicious body crash-tackle near the touchline.

But the most controversial incident occurred just eight minutes after the break when Chris disallowed Spain a goal which very quickly brought back vivid memories of the 1966 World Cup final at Wembley between England and West Germany.

Spain's blond centreback Antonio Maceda struck a vicious 18 metre drive that crashed into the under-side of the Brazilian cross-bar.

The ball ricochetted down and over the line before back-spinning out

second and with Bambridge unable to tell if the ball crossed, flashed a



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look across to his linesman who signalled nothing as he was not square to the goal-line.

What woes Chris suf-It all happened in a split fered because with the aid of video facilities and after playing the incident repeatedly in slow-motion, the television stations only then were able to ascertain that the ball had in fact crossed the line.

> Bambridge like almost anybody else in his position had no other choice but to give the benifit of the doubt to the defending team. In this case it was the Brazilians.

Maybe it was a miscarriage of justice that ended well as Spain did nowhere near as much as the Brazilians to win or even draw the match.

The first half saw Spain hold Brazil scoreless, despite the Brazilians having an abundance of possession but being constantly thwarted by Spain's well organised defence.

In the 55th minute it



was Brazil's turn to have a goal disallowed by Bambridge when from a Junior corner on the left a Brazilian striker who appeared to head the ball into the net, in fact had "hand-balled".

Brazil scored their goal in the 62nd minute through skipper Socrates.

Careca's hot drive crashed onto the cross-bar and Socrates swooped in to strongly head the rebound into the net.

BRAZIL: Carlos: Edson, Edinho, Junior (Faicao), Casagrande (Muller), Caraca, JulioCesar, Alenao, Socrates, Branco, Elzo.

SPAIN: Zubizarreta: Renones, Maceda, Munoz, Camacho, Golkoetxea, Butrageno, Moreno, Lopez, Salinas, Gonzalez.

REFEREE: C.Bambridge (Australia) CROWD: 69,000.



WHO needs violence in sport?

Two decades ago, violence in sport was unheard of but today it is part of our society.

Recent weeks have seen outbreaks of fighting In rugby league, rugby union, Australian Rules and

Rale Rasic recently said there were maybe four or five fouls throughout the FA Cup final between Liverpool and Everton but in Australia, players commit 40 and up to 60 fouls a game.

Australian Governments have decided to take action against sports violence because they know It is a creeping disease which can effect the younger generation more than anyone else.

Last month, a front page article in ASW pointed out that Soccer in Australia had become too violent and is likely to get even rougher as clubs scramble to finish in the top 14 of the National

Crude tackling, especially from behind, is banned in Europe and visiting players are often stunned by the severity of our local clashes.

Australian players, coaches, officials and referees will have a marvellous opportunity to watch how the world's best handle the same situation through the live coverage of the World Cup in Mexico.

FIFA has already instructed referees to protect leading players from violent or cynical fouls and it will surprise if these people fail to keep control.

Soccer has often been promoted as the sport for young children to join to get away from the tough physical play of the other codes.

Parents don't want their youngsters growing up with broken noses, cauliflower ears and leg injuries which carry through life.

Sport does not have any need for holligans, on the field or in the stand and Australian Soccer should look more seriously at putting its house in

Europe has shown what can be done with stern punitive measures and the Jim Comans no nonsense era in rugby league quickly cleaned up the more violent elements.

Referees need to apply the laws more strictly and the judiciary committee should support them with more appropriate penalties.

Steve Kamasz has already announced plans to eradicate this growing evil.

Soccer fans everywhere want goals and entertainment and Australians should not accept or encourage violence.

It's time to act. There's already been too much

# THE GOOD AND THE BAD NEWS FOR BRAZILIANS

BRAZIL's injury-plagued World Cup Soccer team suffered yet another blow on Thursday when striker Walter Casagrande suffered an apparent thigh injury in training.

But there was also good news with continued improvement of injured midfielder Zico, offering hope he might recover in time to play in Brazil's Cup opener against Spain.

Casagrande, a 23-yearold striker for Corinthians FC, left the field midway through a light training session and went straight to the medical department, followed quickly by team doctor Neylor Lasmar.

After examining the player, Lasmar said he could give no immediate indication how long the shaggy-haired attacker might, be out of action.

"Casagrande felt a pain

in the right thigh and this will be evaluated over the next 24 hours to determine the extent of the injury," Lasmar said.

But the doctor said he was more optimistic about the progress of Zico who

has the same sort of injury that ousted Tonihno

"Zico was fighting a knee injury but we made the final decision on Friday," Lasmar said.

#### STRIKER

LAST week, four Libyans were refused entry into Mexico because immigration officials felt that their reasons for visiting the country were too vague.

Meanwhile, England, Scotland and Northern Ireland continue their preparations in the US, oblivious to what may lie ahead of them in Mexico.

Indeed, it's not terrorists that have rocked the Scottish camp in Santa Fe, New Mexico, but allegations, rumor and speculation from back home in Glasgow.

# SCOTS TO HIT THE TARGET

SCOTLAND has stepped up its long-range shooting practice in an effort to cash in on the one positive aspect of playing at high altitude.

Its World Cup footballers will be encouraged to shoot on sight when they arrive in Mexico next month.

The rarified atmosphere, which often hinders the performance of the individual, can be a valuable ally when it comes to taking a crack at goal, from long range.

As the Scottish squad prepared for some tough training, manager Alex Ferguson revealed: "We have spent quite a bit of time on our long range shooting.

"In this atmosphere, the ball can behave like a missile."

## GOOD START

**BULGARIA** beat the local Toluca team 3-2, with an own goal by Ortega, a Siarkov penalty and a decider from Diakov.

Gama and Calderon scored for the home team in the Cup warm up game.

## SPANCEU ={**@}**\\\

**MEXICO's World Cup** players are still squabbling over the arrival of Real Madrid striker Hugo Sanchez from Spain.

He it seemed would displace a regular member of their squad, if he is finally

### SOMETINE! (0)E

LIVERPOOL goal machine Ian Rush is being chased by Italian club Juventus despite his \$6 million price tag.



GARY LINEKER of England with his injured right wrist in a sling and heavily bandaged, strains in preparation for the match against Portugal.

# ALL THE NEWS FROM THE WORLD CUP FINALS

# ITALIANS THROW AWAY GREAT START

ITALY were left rueing the fact that they spurned a definite win on Sunday after Nasko Sirakov latched onto a cross in the 84th minute to head home a cross from the right and give Bulgaria a last gasp 1-1 draw with the defending champions in the opening match of the World Cup.

The Azzurri had the game in hand for almost the duration and the Bulgarians rarely if ever looked dangerous, apart from when Plamen Getov was involved.

But Italy were their own worst enemies. Far from not attacking enough, they attacked plenty and it was a sight to behold, but the fact is the clinical finishing usually attributed to the Italian front-runners was not

If it wasn't for the lack of finishing then there was the brilliance of Borislav Mihailov in goal for Bulgaria. He denied the attacking forays some five occasions.

20-year-old Italian midfielder Fernando De Napoli was brilliant in only his second match for the national side.

When he wasn't up front attacking or displaying his skills in midfield he was in the centre of defence saving the day for his side as he did in the 35th minute when the Bulgarians were seemingly right through.

And who can forget his wicked curling shot in the second half that all but went in?

De Napoli's earliest effort came from a Bruno Conti corner when he collected the ball short and let fly just over the crossbar.

Whilst the youngster was in fine form he was overshadowing his more illustrious counterparts such as Antonio Cabrini and Giuseppe Bergomi, both of whom were very disappointing in defence.

Soon afterwards the Italians opened the Bulgarian defence when Pietro Vierchowod dispossessed Yivko Gospodinov and sent Conti on his way.

The midfield schemer then in turn served Galderisi. His crossfield pass was directed into the path of Alessandro saved at his feet.

Altobelli who was only save by the keeper Mihailov.

Then Galderisi himself had a chance but showed little initiative when he went past the fallen keeper outside the area and his cross went well wide.

For all his work in the midfield Getov finally made a break out wide and crossed to where Sirakov came flying in but completely missed a heading chance.

Then on the half hour Altobelli went on a fine dribbling run, the ball ran loose to the usually very reliable Antonio Di Gennaro but his shot missed by a fair way.

Altobelli was again in the thick of the action two minutes from half-time when he sent the Italian fans into raptures with the opening goal of the series.

A foul on Galderisi set up a free-kick outside the area for Di Gennaro. The Veronese's cross was met with a fierce volley by the unmarked Altobelli that flew into the net.

Italy displayed their attacking class in the second term and for a time it seemed if they put their minds well and truly on the job ahead they might have rattled up a big win.

Conti nearly got Galderisi in and then Gaetano Scirea, the skipper, was brilliantly denied by Mihailov when Altobelli had put the sweeper into the clear on the hour.

Then Bearzot pulled off the injured Conti and brought on Under 21 captain Gianluca Vialli.

Vialli was soon in action with a throw to the feet of Vierchowod, the right-back let loose with a rasping shot that flew just

In the 71st minute Getov's corner was mishit by the substitute Kostadin Kostadinov and Galli

Italy should really have denied by a fine sliding been two up in the 73rd minute when a replica free-kick as in the goal was curled across from Di Gennaro. Altobelli headed the ball across goal where Cabrini headed inexplicably over from only two metres.

Cabrini followed up soon after with a shot wide. Di Gennaro played a long ball in the 82nd minute that had Vialli racing up the wing. His cross was chested down by Altobelli, who curled the ball at goal but the keeper was equal to the task

With Italy relaxing and thinking they had the two points, a break and cross from the Bulgarians gave them a huge shock. The ball was slung over with but six minutes remaining and Sirakov atoned for his early miss to power in a header past the hapless

For the game against Argentina, Conti will have to become involved as he was in this match but not be as predictable as he was. Also Bearzot must bring in Aldo Serena or Paolo Rossi for some potency in the finishing department in place of the ineffectual Galderisi.

ITALY: Galli 6, Bergomi 5, Cabrini 5, Scirea 7. Vierchowod 6, Bagni 6, De Napoli 8, Di Gennaro 7, Conti 6 (Vialli 65), Altobelli 7, Galderisi 5

BULGARIA: Mihailov 8, Sirakov 7, Arabov 6, Markov 6, Dimitrov 6, Zoravkov 5, Iskrenov 6 (Kostadinov 65), Sadkov 6, Mladenov 6, Gospodinov 5 (Yeliaskov 74), Getov 7

CROWD: 103,000 Referee: Eric Fredrikkson (Sweden)

CAUTIONS: Italy: Bergomi, Cabrini. Bulgaria: Markov.



Italian goalkeeper Giovanni Galli makes a desperate lunge but fails to reach the ball before it goes into the net to give Bulgaria its last minute equiaiser.

## INTENTION OF CHANGING RUMOURS abounded freely immediately after URUGUAYAN

the naming of the Uruguayan World Cup squad that there would be alterations to the squad as it arrived in Mexico.

These rumours were quickly dispelled by the President of the Uruguayan Football Federation. Hector Jaunico who said: "There was never any chance of the squad being changed by the Federation or anybody for

that matter. The 22 players selected were the best available."

Meanwhile their number one player, ENZO FRANCESCOLI made it known this week in Mexico that he had been transferred from Argentine

side River Plate to French club, Racing of Paris.

Included in the contract is Francescoli's awesome wage, an unknown figure but reputed to be only slightly less than what Argentinian Diego Mara-

dona is earning in Italy. Uruguay of course are in Group E, nicknamed the 'Group of Death'.



BELGIUM'S young midfielder, Danny Veyt, has been hailed 'King of the Mountains' after easily running 2600m in the training camp in the Swiss Alps while his team-mates struggled to finish 2000m.

# CANADA DENTS FRENCH FLAIR

CANADA, the 1,000 to one outsiders almost caused the first giant upset in the World Cup finals in Mexico when they held favoured France to a solitary 1-0 win at Leon.

France needed until 11 minutes from fulltime to score the goal that gave them maximum points for the match.

Michel Platini, the European Footballer of the Year, led his team and it was only superior condition in the second half which enabled the French team to break through.

Canada held its highly favoured opponent in the first half and actually created the first scoring chance in the 11th minute.

Keeper Joel Bats moved off his line in the French goal and was stranded when he raced out to cut off the ball only to find it didn't come through.

Instead, Canadian mid-

fielder Mike Sweeney lobbed a shot into the goal area where it was headed off the line by Maxime

The French tempo picked up in the second half as the constant defending took its toll on the Cana-

Substitute Yannick Stopyra, who replaced Dominique Rocheteau, crossed into the penalty area where Jean-Pierre Papin headed into the top of the net.

In fact, the poor finishing cost France a number of chances and this area will need to be improved for the team to be successful over its other Group C opponents Hungary and Russia.

France made a positional change in the second half which provided the final scoring thrust.

Fullback Manuel Amoros switched from his customary left back position to the right to fill the gap caused by injured William Ayache and injected new life into the frustrated attack.

FRANCE: Joel Bats, Manuel Amoros, Patrick Battiston, Maxime Bossis, Thierry Tusseau, Luis Fernandez, Alain Giresse, Jean Tigana, Michel Platini, Jean Pierre Papin, Dominique Rocheteau (Yannick Stopyra 71m).

CANADA: Paul Dolan, Ian Bridge, Bob Lenarduzzi, Bruce Wilson, Randy Samuel, Paul James (Branko Segota 81m), David Norman, Randy Ragan, Mike Sweeney (James Lowery 54m), Carl Valentine, Igo Vrablic.

Referee: Hernan Silva (Chile). Crowd: 35,749.



DIEGO MARADONA in action for Argentina in training camp.

## THE TICKETS ARE NOT BEING SOLD

MORE than 20,000 tickets are yet to be sold to the public for the package of seeing five games with the one ticket in Group A.

The stadiums being used are the Cuauhtemoc in Puebla and the Olimpic 68 in Mexico City.

The President of the Organising Committee, Pedro Angel Palou had indicated also that more than half of the tickets of the capacity being 45,000.

majority of the tickets will be sold on game days, the people turning up on those days. "The Italy-Argentina

rightly he claimed that the

game is certain to be a sellout, the locals will flood to that game in the first the Estadio Cuauhtemoc round. But as yet not games had yet to be sold, many people have bought tickets for the Italy-South Korea match," said

But as ever and quite Palou.

# INSPIRED MAROONS GIVE LESSON TO NSW AND A MESSAGE FOR AROK

BY GEOFF STEAD

**QUEENSLAND'S Mighty Maroons left national** coach Frank Arok with something to think about following a fighting 1-0 win over NSW at Perry Park in Brisbane last Sunday.

And a few of Alan Vest's Blues side would do well to ponder on their own performances after an uncommitted showing.

Arok missed the game because he was in Mexico for the world Cup and the Queenslanders who felt they had been snubbed showed from the start that they had a point to prove.

Queensland won the match because they played as a team, they wanted to win, they fought harder and quite simply, they played better.

NSW were never given a chance to get into the game and by the end a few Blues players had lost interest and Queensland stormed home with a Kieran Cooper winner in the 82,d minute.

The goal came from a John Ogden free kick wide on the right after Dave Ratcliffe had fiercely brought down Queensland striker Danny Wright.

Ogden, one of Queensland's best, drove a low free kick into the box in what was a pre-planned Queensland set piece. The ball deflected off NSW midfielder Peter Raskopoulos and found Queensland defender Frank Liddell at the far post.

Liddell's fierce shot rebounded across the goal mouth and Cooper sidefooted in from close range to bring the 4,000 strong crowd to its feet.

Queensland started the game with a 4-4-2 formation featuring nine players from Brisbane Lions and

the remaining two from Brisbane City.

Queensland coach Bruce Stowell had masterminded a plan to shut down the Blues defence and midfield in their own half and thus restricting the service to NSW's starstudded forward line, which included Socceroos John Kosmina and Frank

The plan worked to perfection with NSW defenders being forced into error and the four-man Queensland defence completely overshadowing the uninspiring Blues mid-

Queensland had no fewer than five good scoring chances inside the first 20 minutes, compared with only one for NSW through a header by Chris Kalantzis, the only NSW striker to really bother the Queenslanders.

But poor finishing, particularly from Queensland's Socceroo hope Danny Wright, cost the home side an early lead.

Although Wright was off target his striking partner Cooper, the Brisbane City Irish import was a continual thorn for the NSW central defence and it seemed only a matter of time before he would break through.

Queensland only em-

ployed two strikers and the continual raid down the flanks by wide men Jim Morton and John Ogden more than gave the NSW back line something to worry about.

The pair were singled out by Socceroo assistant coach Eddie Thomson, who was in Brisbane on Arok's behalf as among the best Maroons.

NSW's best included Kalantzis, although he drifted out of the game in the second half, Mike Gibson, Dave Ratcliffe and Graham Jennings.

Gibson made two good saves early in the second half to keep his side in the

NSW, who obviously didn't treat the game with the same importance as their Queensland counter-

parts really had only two good periods of the match. Five minutes of attack midway through the second half and another period of pressure 20 minutes into the second half showed what a formidable side NSW could be with the right attitude.

But despite the pressure the Queensland defence remained strong, with Steve Jackson and Liddell outstanding and the closest the Blues came to scoring was a Graham Arnold pile driver which hit the upright in the 75th minute.

After the match Thomson had high praise for the Queenslanders and said they had given a classic team performance in what was a highly entertaining

But he placed a damper on the State's hopes of when he described Maroon midfielders and current socceroo training squad members John and Russell Stewart as fine club and state players but "lacking that something extra needed for the National team".

Thomson rated Queensland other socceroo training squad member Danny Wright as having the necessary mobility and skill but rated his finishing as disappointing.

Thomson had little praise for the NSW side and said that the midfield lacked balance and work

Queensland officials

"NSW were a lot stronger this time and we played a lot better. It was a great performance from the entire squad," Stowell

Bertogna, Ratcliffe, Raskopoulos. Tredinnick, Kosmina, Arnold, Kalantzis, Farina. REFEREE: Alan Kibbler.

further Socceroo selections.

were naturally ecstatic over the victory and Stowell rated it a much more significant win than the Queensland 3-0 victory over NSW in 1983.

QUEENSLAND: Farrow, Jackson, Mengotti, Liddell, Niven, J Stewart (Kirsopp 84), Ogden, Wright, R Stewart, Morton, Cooper (Bromfield 84). NSW: Gibson, Gomez, Jennings,

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS sent Cup holders Sydney Olympic crashing out of the NANDA Cup when they defeated them 1-0 at the St George Stadium. Olympic won the Cup midfield of skipper, Tommy Sermmani, Johnny in 1983 and again last

**CANBERRA** 

K.O.'S CUP

HOLDERS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Canberra greatly inspired by goalkeeper Anthony Franken and bayonets against Olympic's Gary Phillips, Raskocentral striker Augusto poulos and Vicente Esta-Palacios played some

Fifteen minutes before fulltime, Olympic came again with their best attack of the match.

Mihailidis and Jim Hamil-

ton, stood firm with fixed

Then it all happened in the 109 th minute which saw Sermmani's soldiers bust their way into the Nanda Cup semi-finals on July 27th.

Left midfielder Jimmy Hamilton broke away down the left flank and clipped a tremendous cross into the box to Palacios who was free as a bird.

Palacios despite having all the time in the world, planted a first time shot into Olympic's net for Canberra to get closer to the Nanda Cup.

Canberra's elated captain, Sermmani said after the match: "It was a fine team-effort. We played for one another.'

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Rogers, Coady, Dakos (Brandt), Spanoudakis: Phillips, Raskopoulos, Estavillo: Johnston, Stevenson (Soper 46th), Kalantzis.

CANBERRA CITY: Franken: Dunn, Burke, Byrne, Bryant: Sermmani, Mihailidis, Hamilton: Phillips, Palacios,

REFEREE: A.Owens.



# KEEPER OLVER THE HERO

Heidelberg 6 Blacktown 4 (after penalties) after 90 minutes.

#### BY CARLO DEL PORTO

In an epic quarter final encounter at Olympic Park, Heidelberg eliminated Blacktown from the Nanda Cup of 1986 but only after a dramatic penalty shoot out. After 90 minutes the score was tied 3-3 and even 30 minutes of extra time couldn't separate the teams and penalties were needed to decide the tie.

The match began quietly enough and it took until the 13th minute for the deadlock to be broken, when speedy Heidelberg winger Tsolakis produced a wicked shot which gave Blacktown's keeper Curtis no chance. Heidelberg began to get on top soon after despite having to replace the injured Angele with Metaxas after just 16 minutes of the game.

But Blacktown sounded warnings that they were not going to be intimidated by the early setback and it was only the brilliance of Heidelberg

goalkeeper Olver that the score remained 1-nil.

But Olver was powerless to prevent an equaliser from Blacktown just on the half hour when a scramble in Heidelberg's defence saw Thornwaite capitalising with a low

Three minutes later spurred on by the goal, Blacktown produced a classic goal in counter attacking style. Curtis released Carroll on the left flank, who in turn switched the play a full 40 metres to find Slater in full flight, Slater's cross finding Thornwaite lurking dangerously in the penalty box again and he headed wide of Olver to make the score 2-1 in favour of Blacktown.

The rest of the first half saw a determined Heidelberg trying valiantly to redress the situation but the score at half time remained 2-1.

After the break Heidelberg started more positively and were rewarded in the 59th minute when a Mike Valentine corner picked out Paul Wilson and he equalised for Heidelberg with a well

taken header. It was Wilson's first goal for Heidelberg in the OASL.

At 2-2 the game was wide open but the momentum was definitely with Heidelberg who were now in control of the midfield. Centre half Alan Hunter was pushing up also in an effort to gain the lead and the pressure took its toll on Blacktown when in the 80th minute little Tsolakis again shot firmly to blast Heidelberg into a 3-2 lead.

The game was by no means over and one sensed that Blacktown would not lie down. This seesawing game had one last surprise to unfold and it occurred in the 87th minute when a Blacktown throw-in was allowed to travel to the far post where Slater had no problems with the easy put away. The score was then 3-3.

As if there wasn't enough drama Heidelberg suffered another injury on the stroke of full time when forward Deligiannis clashed heavily with Curtis and was carted off the

Thirty minutes of extra time only proved to be an anticlimax to an otherwise

thrilling game, when a mixture of fatigue and nerves meant that neither team was prepared to risk all for a winner. It almost seemed that both teams were resigned to the fact that only penalties would decide the struggle.

But it all turned incredibly sour for Blacktown thanks to Olver who miraculously saved three out of four penalty attempts to rescue his team when it mattered most.

Ainsworth, Carroll and Willis were all denied by Olver with only John Bradley finding the net, while for Heidelberg Kanesoulis, Valentine and Selemidis were the penalty scorers, with Hunter registering the only miss.



JEFF OLVER

# HELLAS STOPS GIANT KILLERS

magnificent team stuff to

knock out their more

illustrious, star-studded

In fact Canberra should

have led by at least two

goals in the opening 22

minutes when they squan-

dered chances from striker

Hilton Phillips in the 19th

minute and yet another

three minutes later by the

side against this Canberra

onslaught, Sydney Olym-

pic's skipper. Peter Rasko-

poulos raided into Can-

berra's box in the 34th

minute. He tried to bend

the ball around Franken

but only succeeded into

burying the ball into the

out the injured Jimmy

Cant, had as his replace-

ment, the tall red-haired

Terry Byrne slotting into

the free-back's shirt.

Byrne added much height

as well as confidence to

Canberra's defence of

Jason Dunn, Peter Burke

The National capitol's

and Steve Bryant.

Canberra playing with-

Desperate to revive his

opponents.

same player.

side-netting.

BY TOM McKAIN

ADELAIDE HELLAS came from behind to beat Nanda Cup giant-killers Croydon City 2-1 at Hindmarsh Stadium with a "goal of the year" from striker George Konstandopoulos.

This match was what spectators expect from Cup ties.

First we had the Victorian State League team. conquerors of Green Gully and South Melbourne from the National Soccer League and bristling with veterans from the senior competition up against a side which had spent \$120,000 on players this season.

And we saw the outsiders strike first in the 14th minute with a great individual effort from front runner Andy Humble.

He collected the ball from an Alex Livingstone cross on the left and in the right of the home box beat socceroo Charlie Yankos to give former socceroo goalkeeper Martyn Crook no chance.

Hellas stormed into the attack, but it was not until the 31st minute that captain and midfielder Graham Honeyman grabbed the equaliser.

A freekick met the head of centreback and socceroo Robbie Dunn who nodded it back to Honeyman who hit the roof of the net. It was 1-1 at half time

and still anyone's game. It was obvious that the home side was missing

central striker Gary Ward, signed from Melbourne Croatia who was Cup-tied to Melbourne Croatia and had to sit in the Hindmarsh Stadium stand.

However, Hellas kept the pressure on and home fans felt it was only a matter of time before they scored the winner - but it did not come until the 85th minute.

Then it was Konstandopoulos on the left of the box who brought down a ball, went round goalkeeper Peter Blasby who had got a hand to it, and curved a high lob into the top left hand corner of the net with his back to the goal.

It was a brilliant effort and one out of the box which makes Cup soccer what it is throughout the world.

Referee Stuart Mellings from Victoria kept a firm hand on the match, but had to book Croydon's Steve Beech and Humble.

While Croydon had been dubbed "Dad's Army" they opened up in the first 20 minutes with dash and flair which had Hellas backpedalling and it was Dave Brogan who almost drew first blood when he hit a ball just over the bar.

After Humble's goal Gary Price for Hellas made Blasby dive and it was the Croydon goalkeeper who kept his team in the game when he held a Price header just before half time.

From then on the veterans had their backs to the wall. Honeyman crossed the ball across the goal and luckily for them Steve Papadopoulos failed to slide in for what looked a certain goal.

And then it was Croydon who struck back with a Brogan shot which hit the home bar.

After the match former Socceroo and Croydon defender Jim Tansey summed up the game by saying that his team mates had enjoyed the match. They had hoped to go into the semi-finals but were happy that as a state league team they had gone as far as they had and wished Hellas all success.

HELLAS: Crook, Brown, Scott, Dunn, Yankos, Honeyman, Hristodoulou, Panagis, Price, Papadopoulos, Konstandopoulos.

CROYDON: Blasby, Brown, Tansey, O'Rellly, Beech, Livingstone, Humble, French, Brogan, McLean, MacDonald.

REFEREE: S Mellings, Victoria. CROWD: 2123.

# THE GLOVES ARE OFF WITH TERRY GREEDY

WITH the accumulation of points taking on far greater importance than in previous years a more defensive approach has been adopted by many teams.

The effects this approach is having on the game is obvious with the number of drawn games and low score lines each week.

The NSL Executive should be making every effort to discourage negative tactics by providing incentives for teams to attack each week.

Two areas that need reorganising are the appointment of referees and the points system.

Teams who adopt an adventurous approach to the game and push forward in search of goals at every opportunity should be rewarded for the increased entertainment they provide. The easiest way to encourage this attacking style is to make winning more appealing by increasing the points for a win.

Even the introduction of a bonus point for a team scoring more than three goals for a win would promote attacking

When past used the three point system was given only one season to assess the benefits of such a scheme. Had the NSL bosses been patient and extended the trial period I'm sure the benefits would have become obvious as coaches realised the importance of collec- often evident in such ting the extra points and formulated tactics accordingly.

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The effect a referee has on the state of a game is not fully realised by those makng the weekly appointments. One only has to look at the Olympic-Sydney City game a few weeks back.

A possibly volatile game was handled by one of the leading referees in the country with the result that spectators were treated to a most entertaining and absorbing battle free of the usual niggling tactics and crude tacles quite

was an outstanding success

with Derby County in

that more of our goalkeep-

ers have not made the trek

overseas as has been the

case with outfield players.

Lord onward, which is as

far as my Australian ex-

perience goes back,

goalkeepers have excelled

here, but especially in re-

From the great Ron

Indeed I am surprised



clashes.

The standard of some refereeing this year has been deplorable with games degenerating into physical battles devoid of skill or entertainment.

The ability of referees is well known by coaches and players and it is evident as soon as the referee's name is known what type of game you can expect under his control.

A top panel of referees should be formed consisting of the best referees, with this group given control of the national league games.

If their form is below the accepted level then

they should be relegated to the league. To do this the a lower league and re- game must be made more placed by the most competent referee from the next ing. Any changes that will

At present inexperienced whistlers are put in charge of the top games and with players and coaches under extra pressure to produce results this year the failings of the ref are sadly exposed and the game deteriorates as players become disheartened with refereeing decisions.

The first 10 minutes of a game should be used by the referee to establish the ground rules so that players are made aware of the behaviour that will be tolerated during the game.

Once this has been established then, with consistent ruling by the ref, players will respond by concentrating on the ball and leave the referee to handle mettering out of punishment. Retaliatory action is no longer necessary and the game is able to flow with supporters getting their money's worth.

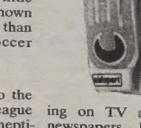
Getting people to the game is of paramount importance to the survival of

attractive and entertainhelp in this area should be encouraged and given every chance to succeed.

Yesterday the annual clash between NSW and QLD state teams was played. But who would know? The promotion of

the game in NSW was a disgrace with very little pre-match interest shown by the media, other than by Australian Soccer Weekly.

What a contrast to the way the Rugby League ing on TV and in the with stories and advertis-



handle their state comepti- newspapers. People not tion. Weeks prior to their usually interested in games we are bombarded league are caught up in the promotion.

The Soccer clash is always a torrid affair with the traditional state rivalry evident. It would be an ideal event to be used to promote the code through the media.

Channel 0 has announced its intention to televise a league game live and the state game would have been ideal for such a venture.

Once again a golden opportunity to place Soccer in the spotlight has been allowed the pass unnoticed. The sooner those in charge of Soccer in this country accept that the job of promotion is a field for specialists and enlist the assistance of a professional marketing group the better off the code will be. SEE YOU NEXT WEEK



Enzo Bearzot pictured with Paolo Rossi.

THE continuing progress of Mike Gibson in goal for St George is of much interest to me.

England.

cent years.



BY MIKE JOHNSON

Five years ago I mentioned to Frank Arok that there was a young goalkeeper at Penrith who was the best I had seen for his age since I came to Australia.

Frank did not do anything at that time, but subsequently signed Gibson after he had played a couple of seasons at national league level when Penrith were granted top league status.

I have wondered when it might be that Terry Greedy would find his goalkeeping position at Saints under threat from a younger rival.

Recently he voluntarily relinquished the position to Gibson, which speaks well of Greedy's sportsmanship, his coaching of Mike and of Gibson's progress.

However, there is another goalkeeper in this country, who according to all reports is progressing faster than any other.

He is Canberra City's Tony Franken.

I have not seen him so cannot comment.

But the Franken and Gibson stories highlight the reason for this article - the high standard of goalkeeping in this country.

Even hough not rated the best goalkeeper in this country Yakka Banovic of Melbourne now playing for Brunswick Juventus,

# GOALKEEPERS — THEY ARE NOW ONE OF THE TEAM

The reason has been specialist coaching.

Lord was an excellent goalkeeper coach.

I used to make special trips to Bankstown, where he was goalkeeper coach, just to watch his training sessions.

Most clubs nowadays give goalkeepers specialist training.

Because of this I find the goalkeeper is usually among the most dedicated

ST GEORGE goalkeeper MICHAEL GIBSON leaps high for a

cross which he takes safely.

players in a team. What specialist goalkeeping can do for a keeper was seen in Jim

Fraser at St George.

In those St George days Saints had an excellent goalkeeper coach in Nick Sokoloff.

He coached Fraser four nights a week and turned him from a good goalie into an outstanding international who played a big part in taking Australia to the world cup finals in Germany in 1974.

Goalkeepers now are playing at the top level longer than field players.

Italy's Dino Zoff, Ireland's Pat Jennings, England's Peter Shilton all testify to this.

One of the reasons given is that they are not 'used up" with constant barrages of shots and crosses as happened in earlier years when scores of 6-5 were not unusual.

In some games these days not one shot hits the goal because of the highly organised defences.

But the goalkeeper's role has changed and he has other jobs to do which were not as prevalent in days gone by.

In many teams he is the sweeper who intercepts the through balls hit beyond the line of defence.

It is not unusual for a 'keeper to head the ball away from well outside his penalty box. The goalkeeper plays a

much more dominant role in organising his defence. He is expected to talk

possibly more than any

other player on the field. In order to do this he needs to have knowledge of outfield play, as well as being technically equipped

to handle shots and headers around his goal.

He also needs to be a quick and decisive passer of the ball who can start speedy counter attacks with accurate kicks and throws.

So no longer can it be said that the goalkeeper is a "man apart".

He is an integral mem-

ber of the team. I once disagreed with

Jimmy Hill (English Soccer commentator and former Fulham player) who told me that during team building while managing Coventry City he swapped a goalie for a striker.

"I rate a good striker more highly than a good goalkeeper," he said.

I rate no player above a goalkeeper.

To me he is the most influential player in the team.

Struggling teams often have inexperienced goalkeepers.

Top teams invariably have a top goalkeeper.

# ITANYS WORTE BEATER

SEASONED Juventus campaigner Gaetano Scirea will be the key figure in Italy's bid to retain the World Cup in Mexico in June.

Scirea turned 33 six days before the World Cup ia at the Aztec Stadium in and a World Cup winner's Mexico City on Sunday.

This will be his third World Cup final series the Italian League with having been in Italy's win- Atalanta in 1972 and ning line-up in Spain in 1982 and in the Argentina series in 1978.

Italian World Cup coach Enzo Bearzot had made no secret that the first name on the team sheet for the opening match against Bulgaria was Scirea.

This elegant player has a trophy cabinet envied by all. It includes six Italian league championship me-

Magnificent defender dals, two Italian Cup-Winners' medals, a European before the World Cup kick-off with the clash between Italy and Bulgar-ia at the Artes Stadionary

> Scirea made his debut in moved to Juventus in

> A measure of his consistency is that in his first 12 season with Juventus he missed only five of a possible 360 league matches.

On the coming finals in Mexico, Scirea has stated it is likely to be his last and his best.

He said: "That is the big one for me and I want it to be my best."

## NOT AS **STRONG**

THE Hungarian World Cup squad is neither strong nor weak, manager Georgy Mezey said on the squad's arrival in Mexico.

He said the team was not as strong as the Hungarian side that re- Stadium. ched the final in 1954, though they were the equal of the other Group

manager WORLD CUP finalist

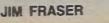
## CAMP **SWITCHED**

BRAZIL'S problemplagued Soccer team faced yet another training camp move last Saturday -- its third in two weeks.

It had to leave Toluca and moved into Mexico City beside the Aztec

## IRAQ'S ARMY

Iraq are being protected by an army of for every match he hopes police and soldiers during their preparations in Mexico.





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# CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club

THERE were some funny scenes last Tuesday involving well known Melbourne journalist-photographer Les Shorrock and Olympic Airways Soccer League Executive Director Steve Kamasz.

Shorrock had flown to Sydney to overseer the publication of the OASL's monthly magazine. After the job was completed, Steve offered to drive Les back to the airport.

However, when Les went to get into the car, a problem arose. His pants split from the crutch all the way to the top of his pants. It was obvious he was in no fit state of dress to board a plane. So, they went back inside the publishers. No needle and thread could be found so they improvised and used a normal stapling machine to staple Les's pants together.

But, their plans were brought "undone" when, no sooner had Les sat in the car, the staples failed to hold the weight and fell apart.

Now, the problems began. Time was running out and Les did not want to miss the plane. So, Steve drove to Mascot and, along the way stopped at a shop and Les bought a new pair of pants.

However, the pants had to be taken in and shortened, causing a further

There is a happy ending to the story. Les made the plane on time, but we would like to be a fly on the wall at Les's home when he tried to explain to his wife what happened to his pants!



PETER RASKOPOULOS

**NSW** midfielder PETER RASKOPOULOS was nearly dropped from the squad for the weekend's match against Queensland.

It seems 'Rasko' missed training at Parklea last Tuesday, the second time in preparation for the big match and a last minute phone call saved him from the boot.

He called coach Alan Vest to promise that he'd be at the Blues' training session on Thursday.

"I was just about to look for a replacement when Peter phoned me to tell me his car was broken down.

"I've never had any problems with him before though."

By the way, NSW won the practice match 3-1 against Sydney City during the week with Frank Farina in midfield.

OVER the past few months ASW has kept you well informed with a large dose of World Cup information but now with the kick-off on us there is an even bigger cover coming your way.

All our scribes here and abroad are ready to give you the best of the World Cup in Mexico over the next month, so stick with the strength Australian Soccer Weekly.

HEL-ADELAIDE LAS have finally written off Scottish striker Willie Irvine --- at least for this season.

Signed by former coach Neil McGachey during his UK trip in the close season, the big forward has been transferred by his club, Stirling Albion to Hibernian in the Scottish Premier League.

The fee was \$60,000, a figure Irving had tried to have declared void when he applied to come to Australia as a migrant.

received Hibs \$800,000 for striker Gordon Durie from English club Chelsea, and are using the money to rebuild its team, with Irving regarded as a bargain

ASW wishes quick recovery to staff journalist Frank Coletta's father Carmine who is in hospital after an operation. Also to Teresa his mother and his grandfather who are recuperating after Incurring minor injuries in a car crash. And to staff member and Socceroo keeper, Terry Greedy, who has injuries to his ankle and shoulder. C'mon 'Shilton' let's hope you're out on the park in the near future.

FORMER Australian Youth captain, TOM-MY McCULLOCH has made it clear that he thinks he might be priced out of football in Australia.

McCulloch's appeal against a \$33,000 transfer fee requested by his current club APIA Leichhart was reduced to \$28,000 by the NSW Appeals Board at a hearing last Monday

McCulloch was originally told \$25,000 when he checked on Wednesday but it was changed two hours later to \$28,000.

McCulloch's response was obvious: "It is just ridiculous."

SYDNEY OLYMPIC are certainly having their share of worries in the goalscoring department.

Last week striker Stuart Stevenson was dropped because of a less than keen attitude to training.

**Now coach Manfred** Schaefer is seeking for some sort of attack that will produce the goods.

In fact he has been toying with the idea of shifting utility, Stuart Johnston up front to partner the out-ofform Marshall Soper and winger Chris Kalantzis.

Johnston in fact is quite at home up front, his old days with Marconi being good examples as he frequently came on as a frontrunner.

ANOTHER club with more than it's share of goalscoring troubles is St George.

Blessed in the defensive department the Saints have rarely shown the ability to crack a big bag of goals.

Caretaker coach Frank Lang will probably still have to do a bit of experimenting before getting the right formula.

IF YOU hadn't noticed, six OANSL clubs have already changed coaches this season.

Edmund Kreft replaced Nell McGachey at Adelaide Hellas, it was Col Bennett for Gordon Arrowsmith at Lions, Billy Williamson instead of Jim Hermiston (Brisbane City), Luca Bonacic for Miron Bleiberg at Meibourne Croatla and Steve Bryant replaced Roy Thomson in Canberra.

A FAN was seen watching the recent Adelaide Hellas-Lions game from underneath a large black umbrella. So what?

It wasn't raining. He had it up to shade his eyes from the sun!

JIMMY CANT, Canberra's Scottish freeback, not only defends, but knows his humour.

After Canberra's recent match against Sydney Olympic, ASW was interviewing Canberra's skipper, Tommy Sermmani. Sermmani stated: "Jimmy Cant has made a big difference in our defence."

Cant nearby, on hearing his captain's statement, onetouched back with: "Not a big difference, but a HUGE difference."

FORMER Socceroo Col Bennett renewed old friendships when he visited Adelaide with his Lions the other

Many of us thought he should still be playing at 33, but the former gaint defender said he was happy coaching.

"I know I could keep playing, but I'm thinking more of my family now," he said.

"I could play in an emergency, but at the moment I am a retired player.'



PETER ("CIB") RUS-SELL, the NSL manager, arrived back last Saturday from a short break in England.

The friendly ex-Detective being a Chelsea fan for years, made a bea-line for Stamford Bridge for the "Pensioners" last

Russell travelled all that way across to Britain to see his beloved Chelsea LOSE

of their opponents was Liverpool.



CANBERRA's resident comedian-JIM CANT against Sydney Olympic's Chris Kalantzis.

DISCIPLINE is a much talked about product that a very wellknown Sydney NSL coach always talks about. Her stresses just how much discipline he has brought into the

Recently, his teamcaptain screamed at him from the pitch."I WANT ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

club since his arrival.

ON THE PITCH ... BRING HIM ON NOW YOU ... " yelled the undisciplined skipper to his "disciplined" coach.

The coach did immediately what he was told by his cowboy captain.

PAUL MARINER, Arsenal's out-of-favour England striker, is currently in New Zealand doing some World Cup television work for a local Channel.

Mariner has been approached by local club, North Shore to play a few matches for them before returning home.

COACH John Fleming had a lot to say to striker Robert Giraldi at training the week after the Leichhardt game.

Giraidi was one of six players shown the vellow card and was booked for a bad foul on goalkeeper Tony Pezano.

It was identical to a foul Giraldi committed on Blacktown 'keeper David Curtis earlier in

'We rely a lot on controlled aggression and I don't tell my players to go over the top as some other coaches are obviously doing,"

"I was angry that Giraldi should get a card for such a silly action and he won't be doing it again."

Giraldi has been one of the success stories of the Wolves good early-season form but he has to curb his "aggro" towards goalkeepers.

JOHNNY NYSKOHUS, the former diminutive Socceroo forward, may make a comeback as a player.

Now coaching SA State league club Beograd, he is running out of players through injuries and "sales" to national league clubs.

Paul Shillabeer was sold back to Adelaide City, and as we went to press another defender, Slavko Hancar was training with Footscray.

"It looks as if I will have to pull the boots back on," said the 33 year old Nyskohus. FIVE WOMEN RE-BEL players who recently boycotted the Australian squad to travel to New Zealand for a tournament due to financial reasons, were all from NSW.

But now, the "rebels" last week received letters from the Australian Women's Soccer Association informing them that they have now all been banned from ever representing their country again.

On rebel was even the Australian captain. Julie Dolan.



Belgium's Jan Ceulemans tackles Ramon Diaz of Argentina.

STUART JOHNSTON

two home games.

both matches at home.

But then again, one

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CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club

THERE was a lighter side to the problems referee Arthur Owens had at the recent battle of Lambert' Park between Leichhardt and Wollongong City.

The referee had to be escorted from the dressing room after about 50 Leichhardt fans had waited patiently for him to emerge.

They followed him across the Lambert Park pitch, out of the gate and almost to his car. A policeman made sure he got into the car in

one piece and Owens then did a quick U-turn - OVER DOUBLE YELLOW LINES.

"Criminal, arrest him officer," yelled one of

POOR old CHRIS BAM-

BRIDGE couldn't take a

trick in the Brazil-Spain

game. Not only did he disallow what was definitely a goal for the Spaniards but If you look closely at the

Brazilian winner scored

by Socrates it becom-

es quite evident that the midfielder was well

off-side when Careca cracked the crossbar.

ABOVE pictured is

If you are wondering

why the weekend

match was played be-

tween APIA and Syd-

ney Olympic, it was

part of the deal that

sent Koussas to Leic-

Mark celebrated the

match against his old

club in fine style, by

knocking in two goals.

hhardt.

MARK KOUSSAS.



MARK KOUSSAS

AT left is the 1982 World Cup opener between Argentina and Belgium. By all accounts many thought that this years was headed in the same direction but not

The Italy-Bulgaria encounter was something else.

WHILE Adelaide Hellas is battling to climb into the top seven in the Southern League, its first squad list is very impressive.

It features 21 players who have played in the NSL, so it is no surprise the "reserve" team is now fourth on the SA State League First Division.

NO longer are the ardent World Cup viewers that get up every freezing morning to turn on the tube known as INSOMNIACS, now they're known as IN-SOCCERNIACS!

A misplaced document almost landed AEK Athens' based Soccer-00-JIM PATIKAS in the Greek Army for 18

Patikas currently starring for AEK, was ready to pack his bags and head home permanently when he learnt that he was eligible for conscription.

The confusion came about because a form which made it clear he was an Australian resident went missing in Greece. It had been signed and sent over by his father, Aris.

Jimmy it was said was shocked and scared at the prospect of being draughted in.



PAUL MARINER in action for Ipswich Town FC.

AUSTRALIAN SOC-CER WEEKLY comes to the fore once again.

In Canberra's dressing-room after the Nanda Cup Round 3 match against Sydney Olympic one of the National Capital's players had lost his money and left the rooms without knowing.

One of ASW's journo's displaying magnificent peripheral vision, zeroed in on the 'lost loot', tracked down the player in question and returned the cash.

The player concerned was utterly broke and had only minutes before borrowed the 'lost loot' from a Canberra official.

How's that for sweeping up at the back???

TALKING about lost cash, ASW again on the same night at the St George Stadium during the Sydney Olympic vs Canberra City Cup match, was in the centre of things.

A Sydney Olympic fan had lost his wallet and was not aware of

An ASW staff-member at the game tracked down the owner who was paged over the P.A. system to come to the Press-box to collect the wallet that had been handed in by a young Sydney Olympic fan.

The young lad did not even walt for the owner of the lost wallet to thank him and split the scene.

The wallet besides the normal rubbish of driver's licence, papers etc, contained four \$100 notes. As the ASW Journo

happily handed the wallet over to the owner, the owner complained that he in fact with \$500 in his wallet. ASW's journo had to be held back from wacking the ungrateful

clown. ASW would like to sincerely thank the young Olympic boy for returning the Whacka's wallet.

had come to the game

OFFICIALS of the OASL are considering introducing a series of fines for clubs whose players receive too many yellow cards as part of a concerted effor to stamp out onfield violence.

This news came after the battle last week between APIA Leichhardt and Wollongong at Lambert Park.

Three players were sent off and six received yellow cards in what proved the most spiteful game of the season.

With the league to bew reduced from 24 to 14 teams for next vear's Super League It seems quite clear that most clubs will be going for wins-at-allcosts.

SO the round-ball code In Australia is going into the business of video checking now, much like other codes of football in the land down-under.

There are always two sides to the argument. Firstly that everything that happens on the field should be left there and secondly that any game that gets out of hand and is not sufficiently dealt with on the field should have the rule run over it via

Trial-by-video is now in.

LAST WEEK World Cup hosts Mexico and rivals Uruguay were each fined \$7,630 after a brawl during a

friendly match in Los

Angeles on April 13. The disciplinary committee of FIFA also imposed a fine of \$3,815 on the US Soccer Federation for inadequate security measures.

The match, which Mexico won 1-0, had been bad tempered throughout and the referee from America Angelo Brazzi was unable to prevent the fighting amoung players behind the goal at the end.

SO Sydney Soccer Is possibly going into big marketing time through Power Play?

Good news. Why? Well because Power Play International are the company which owns the Sydney Swans Australian Rules side. The success of the Swans is immense and if any of the Power Play magic can rub off on Soccer in Sydney (that's if they do get involved) it can only do the code

HUGE outdoor television screens have been put up in the poorer districts of Mexico City so that residents who cannot afford tickets can view the World Cup anyway.

Reversing a previous ban, Mexico City authorities this week authorised the Mexican Fair, Exposition and Conventions Association to erect the screens in outlying districts of the sprawling capital.

The city authorities said the ban on screens had been lifted partly because of consideration for many of the poorer fans of this football-crazy nation who would be unable to afford the price of a stadium ticket.

Stadium ticket prices for a match range from about \$5.50 to about \$70 in a country where many workers earn only the minimum wage of \$5.50 a day.

Citing ticket prices, many people say they would rather watch the matches on television - either at home or on the outdoor screens. There will be no charge for viwing the games on screens.

THE Spanish side warm-up prior to their battle yesterday with Brazii. They were more than a little hard-done by in the first clash.

WOLLONGONG CITY are preparing for a big crowd when Sydney Olympic visit Wollongong Showground on Monday.

After the 5968 roll-up for the last home game against Croatia, Wolves officials are tipping a 7000-plus attendance, but they could be disappointed. It may sound unbelievable but the Illawarra

Soccer Association has a full round of six Premier League games on that same afternoon. They say they have been forced into this situation because their representative side play

ACT in Canberra on Saturday and they have to give them a day's rest. Once again great co-operation on the South

Coast ...

WELSH star-striker MARK HUGHES, Barcelona's \$3 milliondollar signing from Manchester United, passed medical tests last week and was declared fit to play for the Spanish side pending finals

Barcelona's British coach, Terry Venables, said: "I'm sure Mark will fit it very well."

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# ASW'S JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

# RALE IS NOT QUITE RIGHT

UNFORTUNATELY I am in dispute again with my old mate Rale Rasic.

Rale is back in the game after a few years away from it and I am glad to see him back.

Firstly he is a personality, secondly he deserves to be involved as he has contributed to the development of the game

Thirdly, of course, he was in charge of Australia for the 1974 World Cup. So far, so good.

But that's about where Rale and I see differently.

I am totally opposed to his recent public statements which lack credibility such as "Apia is the greatest club in Australia and Tony Peazzano is the best goalkeeper in Australia" as I am to his calling his players "50 cent" players.

Apia was one of the great clubs and hopefully will return to that status.

But in recent years and today they are far from the great club they once

With due respect to

Tony Pezzano I don't feel he is the best in Australia.

But Rale's continually referring to 1974 puts him offside with even his greatest friends.

1974 is history and Rale contributed, not solely, to it. But to take marks off other efforts, as Rale religiously does, is out of

His recent criticism of the last Socceroos is yet again another example of Rale living in the past.

As a coach Rale should

appreciate that in 1974 Australia had its easiest ride ever to the World Cup finals.

If you doubt me have a look at what Austrlaia has to do in the 1966, 1970, 1974 and 1986 World Cups and tell me which one you, as coach, would have preferred to play in:

1966 v North Korea (eventual quarter finalists, beating Italy in the earlier rounds and who should have beaten Portugal in the quarter finals) Australia played North Korea twice in "neutral" Cam-

v Japan (Olympic bronze

medallists) v South Korea

v Japan

v South Korea All games away

v Rhodesia

v Rhodesia v Rhodesia

Again all games away

v Israel (Tel Aviv) v Israel (Australia)

1974

v New Zealand (away) v New Zealand (home)

v Iraq (home twice)

v Indonesia (home twice)

v Iraq (home and away) v South Korea (home/ away/neutral venue)

In other words three games away in eleven games as opposed to the 1970 team's eight away and only one at home. And in 1974 these was no opponent of the strength of Israel.

1986

New Zealand (home and away)

Israel (home and away) Taiwan (both home) Scotland (home and away)

In all fairness South Korea or Iraq did not pose anywhere near the threat of Scotland.

If Rale sincerely beleives that he should sit down and have a talk with some of his close friends.

All Socceroo teams have contributed to the

Former Socceroo captain and ASW's ACT man - JOHNNY **WARREN** discusses the differences between the current

past Green and Golds. game's image and many, not one individual, have made achievements

Socceroos and the

possible. The sooner Rale realises that he will be more acceptable to those who once admired his contribution to the Australian

# HOW WE SHOULD HAVE REVITALISED OUR OZ SOCCER

WE all have our own thoughts on what should be done to the Australian Soccer scene so that it may go on and realise its undoubted potential.

#### BY JOHNNY WARREN

However I feel the complex solutions are far beyond just mere personal and group opinions and decisions.

We should bring in a management consulting firm like Coopers and Lybrand (who revamped

the NSW Rugby League set up) or Price Waterhouse to tell how structurally and administratively we should run our game.

For the many who

would no doubt have missed the following Sydney Morning Herald article on the revitalisation of Rugby League in this country, I feel it is an insight into just what Soccer should do - get professional outside opinion on how we should

re-organise our game at all

Rugby League was on its knees only a few years ago - now its back bigger and better than ever.

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# SAUL RIVERO

Full Name: Saul Rivero. Nickname: 'Proffesor'. Birth date: 23-7-54. Birth place: Uruguay. Height: 188. Weight: 75kg.

Club and position: Wollongong City — midfield.

Previous clubs: Liverpool, Penarol (Uruguay).

Rep. honours: Uruguay

selection. Senior debut: Age 15 with progréso

International, South American

Residence: Lake Heights,

Wollongong.

Greatest moment: Nominated for Uruguay international selection.

Biggest disappointment: None. Eye colour: Light Brown.

Hair colour: Black. Marital status:

Occupation: Soccer player, trades

assistant. Make of car: Valiant.

Favourite dish: Normal food. Favourite drink: Coke.

Favourite movie: None. Last book read: The Man who found his Destiny.

particular. Favourite music type: Modern.

Favourite performers: None in

Special interest/hobbies: Table

Worst Injury: None.

Most embarrassing moment: None. Ambition: To see Wolves finish in top six at end of 1986. Favourite NSL player: None.

Full name: Raymond Vlietstra.

Club and position: Wollongong City

Previous clubs: Wollongong United.

Residence: Balgownie, Wollongong.

Greatest moment: Selected in Aust.

- stopper/centre half (capt. 1986).

Rep. honours: NSW (Juniors, Schoolboys, Youth Teams) Aust.

Youth Team and Aust. U23's.

Senior debut: 1982 Wolves vs

Biggest disappointment: Not

qualifying for quarter finals of

WYC in Mexico in 1983.

Nickname: 'Ray'

Height: 182.

Newcastle.

Youth team, 1983.

Eye colour: Blue.

Hair colour: Blonde.

Marital status: Single.

Occupation: Student.

Weight: 79kg.

Birth date: 11-2-64.

Birth place: Wollongong.



Liverpool (Uruguay)



RAYMOND

ILIETSTRA

WOLLONGONG

Make of car: Sigma.

Favourite dish: Steak & Eggs.

Favourite movie: Escape to Victory.

Favourite performers: Eagles, Little

Special interest/hobbies: All sports,

Most embarrassing moment: Own

Ambition: Australian National team

Last book read: History of World

Favourite music type: Rock, Top

Worst injury: Broken (fractured

goal scored in Tasman Cup tie in

Favourite NSL Player: All

Maier, Arno Bertogna.

Wollongong City players, Tony

Franken, Frank Farina, Ralph

Favourite drink: Tia Maria.

River Band, Australian Crawl.

water skiing, horse riding.

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Club and position: Wollongong City

- utility player. Previous clubs: Oxford Utd.,

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U/18.

Senior debut: 1970.

Residence: Wollongong (Balgownie). Greatest moment: 1970 debut with

Biggest disappointment: Losing

games.

Eye colour: Blue.

Hair colour: Fair. Marital status: Married.

Occupation: Truck driver. Make of car: Datsun. Favourite dish: Moussaka. Favourite drink: Gin & Tonic.

Favourite movie: Rocky. Last book read: Saigon. Favourite performers: All top class

sportsmen. Favourite music type: All type.

Special interest/hobbies: Horse racing, reading. Worst injury: Knee ligaments.

Most mmbarrassing moment: Losing 5-0 to Sydney City. Ambition: To be successful. Favourite NSL player: Marshall

Soper.





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AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY - JUNE 3, 1986

# ARE ENGLAND A REAL WORLD CUP THREAT? ASKS FRANK COLETTA

FOR all their impressive performances over the past few months it is unlikely that England can or will go on to play in the World Cup Final.

Against this, though, is the fact that they should qualify from the first round although their hardest match will be first up against Portugal tomorrow morning.

The English side is littered with talent but what will work against them is the fact that they will start the series at sea level, which is all well and good.

But, if they win through to the second phase and they should, they then move to the highest point of altitude in Mexico. No matter how good a team is this is bound to affect them adversely. More so England because of the climate they are used to.

But climatic problems aside, England have a whole host of players who can literally win a game on their own.

Bryan Robson is the captain and the Manchester midfielder can hold his own in any company of the highest standard. With Robson in, England should do well. If he gets injured as he is prone to do then the Lions' roar will be a meek one.

Also in midfield with Robson is the flashy Glen Hoddle of Tottenham. Chastised for not doing enough work in the past, Hoddle has put his head down and worked on the defensive side of his game. But his strength is without doubt in attack, his searching passes and his shooting like Robson up front are almost legendary.

He also possesses a wicked free-kick. Ray Wilkins and Peter Reid will battle for the other midfield position.

Wilkins may well win out because of his passing abilities, which have become even more refined in Italy for AC Milan. This is not to say Reid's service from the midfield is anything but fabulous. He, ment. Southampton's Pesess a truly world class aplomb in the FA Cup Final when he set up Gary Lineker's goal for Everton.

Reid may get the nod on the other hand for his vigor in defence.

In defence is the classy, Kenny Sansom. Possibly in the top three bracket of best left backs in the

Behind him is the keeper many believe is the best



ONE of England's trump-cards, MARK HATELEY embraces GIUSEPPE BERGOMI after Italy had beaten England in Mexico last year.

ter Shilton who holds 80

caps and is 36 years of age. But it is up front where player and goalscorer.

At 25 Lineker has the world at his feet and he everything will hinge and could well take this chance

by the scruff of the neck. He will be supported up

front by either Mark Hateley, Peter Beardsley, Kerry Dixon, John Barnes

Captain Robson is claiming that this England squad is the best since his nation captured the world title 20 years ago.

As England were beating hosts Mexico 3-0 Robson said that his side was confident of success.

"We have an excellent squad with a fine mixture of youth and experience to do the required job.

"Man for man we have players as good as any of the competing teams and our build-up has been excellent.

"We've not lost in our last 10 outings and when you look at the build-up and results of some of the other teams we are well satisfied with our prepara-

"Certainly it won't be easy - there's no such thing as an easy World Cup and every game is a

"Naturally there will be a great deal of pressure but I'm sure we can handle

"Players such as Peter Shilton, Gary Lineker, Ray Wilkins and Mark Hateley thrive on this, and experience it week-in

week-out. "I am confident we can make the world sit up and take notice of us in Mexico."

Robson himself went to Mexico with doubts over his nagging hamstring and shoulder injuries but he quickly dispelled any doubts after a couple of training runs and hard workouts in the altitude of Colorado.

"I had a couple of runs and a hard workout in the gym and then the game against Mexico, I feel great," he said.

"I wanted to see how I would feel after running at altitude and it was very comfortable."

# NOW THAT STRIKES ARE OVER LET'S GET ON WITH PLAYING FOOTBALL!

UNTIL a day or two ago the World Cup Finals weren't the only thing dominating the minds of the Portugese squad ... in fact a strike was!

The chairman of the Portugese FA, Silva Resende arrived in Mexico late last week to end the players' strike that threatened to wreck Portugal's chances even before a ball was kicked.

He met with the players to clear up their grievances over payments.

#### BY, FRANK COLETTA

Earlier, the president of Portugal, Mario Soares, appealed to both sides to stop their bickering and called on them to let good sense prevail.

Even as Resende, who is also vice-president of UEFA, was flying to Mexico, the Portugese World Cup players, who went on strike last Sunday, were laying down conditions in their row with the federation over bonus money.

The players, who failed to turn out for a friendly match against a local club on Tuesday, refused to reveal the exact amount of money they are fighting over, but it is believed to be in the vicinity of \$750 a

"We were unhappy with our daily allowance, our appearance money and our share of the advertising pool," said goalkeep-

"We are unhappy and sorry that it reached such an impasse but we spent five months before even coming to Mexico trying wouldn't talk to us."

But once all the differences were resolved Portugal got down to some serious training at Saltillo in preparation for their first match with England tomorrow morning.

But Portugal have everything going for them. They are dark horses, brilliant but inconsistent and if they get all the squabbling behind them and the problem of the climate they should prove a real threat.

In the 1984 European Championships in France they were at their best. True class, going out unluckily to eventual champions France in the semifinals on penalties.

Portugal's king-pin has got to be Fernando Gomes, twice European Golden Boot winner for being the top scorer in a European season.

Not many footballers in action today have scored as many times as Gomes. The 30-year-old is the idol of the FC Porto fans. Six times he has been the topscorer in the Portugese League.

Mexico represents a great occasion for Gomes to show the world just how good he is.

In winger Paulo Futre,

er and captain Manuel Portugal have an attacker capable of destroying many a fullback and he has already delivered a warning to England to "watch out".

Manager Jose Torres to open negotiations with uses the 4-4-2 system, with the federation, but they a rigid zonal defence pattern. Between the sticks is the veteran captain Bento, then there is Porto's Joao Pinto on the right and Augusto Inacio on the left of the defensive line. Chalana and Futre are the terrors that support Gomes whilst Carlos Manuel lends a hand from the middle of the park. In fact he scored the winner in a shock Portugese success over West Germany during the qualifiers last

> Rui Jordao is the navigator of most moves com-



CHALANA against Paolo Rossi.

ing from the middle, whilst Sousa, capable of some smashing goals is always lurking.

If Portugal can overcome all the internal haggling it will definitely be in the reckoning until the end. In fact if everything goes well it could be the surprise packet in the quarter-finals and possibly the semis, but only if the players get their house in order.



THE Portugese line-up.

NA. A sample of his shooting power was given in the 1984 European Championships, with one memorable shot against Rumania that absolutely rattled the crossbar.

PORTUGAL's inventive midfielder and goalscorer CHALA-

# POLAND - THE HEAT-LL AFFECT THEM-

THE POLES can be well satisfied with the Group they are in but not with their most recent form.

#### BY FRANK COLETTA

This form indicates they will struggle in Mexico. In their last two matches they have gone down 3-0 to the USSR and 1-0 to Denmark. Prior to that losses such as 2-0 at the hands of World Champions Italy did little

finished third in both the 1974 and 1982 Finals.

That is why they were seeded in Mexico and head the Group in Monterrey, a hot, dusty bowl which could pose the same problems as England.

Over the past 39 years the daily temperature in Monterrey has been 30 degs. celcius, at playing time it could up to anything like 40 degrees.

There are no altitude

of course be Zbigniew longer the bundle of ener-Boniek of AS Roma.

A more withdrawn get back into this frame of mind he will represent much danger for any opposition.

regained his reliable touch since he joined the ranks of Portugese champions problems at Monterrey as FC Porto. He will it is the lowest of all obviously have a few

Their main weapon will while Smolarek too, is no gy of old.

But in Mexico the qualplayer these days the long ities of thought may be striding runs of Boniek more important than those are not seen often enough of speed. One cannot see for Poland, but if he does many players being able to play a normal 'European' game based on explosive

Manager Piechniczek Keeper Mlynarcyk has has done well to reduce the average age of the squad to 23. His own record isn't too bad and he has won the matches that mattered although his team hasn't always convinced in attack.

> Players to watch are of course, Boniek, a world class star at 30 and a genuine match winner. The most expensive Polish footballer who made an impact in Italian football first with Juventus and now with Roma. His countrymen must hope that his exposive speedoff-the-mark hasn't completely diminished and that his dribbling skills and lethal finishing are on show in Mexico. On his shoulders rest Polish hopes in the 'Mundial'.

Then there is 26-yearold midfielder Andrzej



MUCH of Poland's World Cup hopes are pinned on this man, ZBIGNIEW BONIEK.

best in Poland.

If Smolarek can find Buncol of Legia Warsaw, the form that had him

who at his top is one of the named as the best player AS we went to press in Poland in 1984 then Poland will receive a huge

cast and gave the striker a

reasonable chance of

being fit. He also said

FIFA approval would be

sought for Lineker to

last Friday was: Woods,

Anderson, Martin, Gary

Stevens (Tottenham), Fen-

wick, Trevor Steven, Reid,

Hodge, Beardsley, Dixon,

The team that played

wear the cast.

Barnes.

the score in the Poland-Morocco game was still

THE Polish side prepare for battle.

to boost their morale. But they must feel some confidence in the fact that their actual World Cup Finals record of recent times is far superior to those of their Group F counterparts.

This qualification is the fourth in succession for the Poles and they

venues and teams who in later stages have to climb to higher centres will certainly be handicapped.

Poland's great strength lies in the midfield where stars such as Dziekanowski. Buncol, Urban and Matysik present a good blend with the attackers.

things to tell manager Antoni Piechniczek about the Portugese.

Being one of the senior members of the squad Miynarcyk will be an asset in the difficult conditions.

Up front it is a fact that Boniek has slowed down,

## BEARZOT'S INCENTIVE SCHEME!

ITALIAN manager Enzo Bearzot promised his players this week that if they qualify for the second round they can have a full day off for sex.

"They can have a full day off, which the can devote to sex, if they want to, if they advance to the second round," Bearzot said at a press conference last week at team headquarters.

Defending champion Italy plays in Group A with Argentina, Bulgaria and South Korea. The team will learn by June 10, after the match with the South Koreans, whether it advances and earns its incentive. "I guess when that day comes, the guys will be tired of seeing my face, and I will not object if they want to make a day of sex on their day off," Bearzot said.

The veteran coach said he has never been concerned about the sexual habits of his players at previous

"Sex, as a problem for athletes, does not exist for me. This is my fifth World Cup, and as far I can remember we never had that kind of concern within the Italian team," he said. As far as it is known, the Italian players came to Mexico without their wives or girlfriends.

**INJURY STILL WORRIES** 

TOUGH French midfielder Luis Fernandez is worried about an ankie injury he fears could wreck his World Cup dreams.

The 26-year-old twisted his right ankle and missed France's warm-up match with Guatemala in Mexico last week.

Fernandez, who will earn a reported \$65,000 a month next season following his transfer from

main to newly promoted Racing Club, said: "I've been suffering for five and I'm afraid it might be a ligament.

"I've asked for x-rays and if the injury is deep-

champions Paris St Ger- seated I could go back to France."

The French squad's doctor Maurice Vrillac, playdays with this problem ed down the injury, saying: "I can understand Luis' apprehension but the twist is only slight. We rested him just as a precautionary measure.'

## ENGLAND'S ROBSON HOPES BRYAN Robson has been given a tomorrow

morning deadline to prove he is fit enough to lead England in the opening match of its Mexico World Cup campaign against Portugal.

England manager Bobby Robson appeared to have given up all hope on the midfield player when he omitted him from his side to play Mexican champion Monterrey in England's final warm-up game on Thursday.

The player was not even given a run-out during the game, Robson revealed.

The troubled manager said: "He was going well and I thought it would be a good gamble but it is not. He is just not fit enough. He could do with it, but he is not ready.

"It is a day-by-day thing, but he will have to prove that he can go fullout and extend himself. We should know by this afternoon whether he will be fit to play."

Robson's achilles tendon injury stood up well in training yesterday but progress is slow, although there were no set-backs reported.

Peter Reid and Steve Hodge both suffered light ankle knocks in the English Friday session but should be fit.

Robson planned to give match time to as many players as possible, and that included a first full game at left-back for central defender Terry Fewick — the only position for which England has no adequate cover.

Asked about the possible loss to the team of Bryan Robson, the manager said: "He is one of the greatest players in the world and obviously we would like him to be in the team, although recently we've had to play without him and have played reasonably well. But it is difficult to replace him completely.'

The news on England's other injury victim, Gary Lineker, is somewhat brighter. Lineker moved well in training and said of his injured wrist: "It is a lot easier. It feels better and I'll be fine and ready to play against Portugal, if selected."

Robson revealed that the Everton man had been to hospital on Friday to be

#### THE OPENING CEREMONY measured for a fibre-glass

Pictured below is one of the lovely Mexican dancers that went through their paces at the Open-Ing Ceremony on Sunday in the Aztea Stadium.





# JOURNOS ANNOY

IT seems the controversial times of the World Cup matches are not the only botched-up timing system in Mexico.

The reporters in Peubla especially are having a mini-revolt over the opening and closing hours of the central information centre.

At first all seemed okay to the reporters, they were happy with the 80 typewriters installed, the 18 telex machines and the 10 telephones that were at their respective places.

They revolted however over the decision that the centre that they were to transmit their information from would only operate from 9am to 9pm, this they said was simply not

The Italian scribes made it quite clear to the FIFA delegate there, Heinz Maroczke, that because of the difference of times between the Americas and Europe it was almost impossible to work to that 12 hour schedule.

Maroczke worked quickly to resolve the problem and after consulting with the directors of the Organising Committee it was decided that the centre would be operational from two hours before the initial time and will remain open until 3am in the morning.

THE West German World Cup squad, which arrived in Mexico last Monday, is impressed by its luxurious quarters at Morelia, where the players have use of a swimming pool, tennis courts and a massage room and are guarded by a sizeable contingent of police. "If we play as well as we are housed, we will win the Cup," said squad administrator Horst Schmidt.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY — JUNE 3, 1986

# OHANA TO MAKE HIS NSL DEBUT AGAINST CANBERRA

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ELLI QHANA, Israeli's World Cup left striker, is expected to make his NSL debut next Sunday for Sydney City against the visiting Canberra City Olympians at the Sydney Athletic Field.

Ohana arrived last Saturday morning from Tel Aviv, but Sydney City's coach, Eddie Thomson will not use him for tomorrow night's match in Brisbane for the Nanda Soccer Cup round 3 clash.

"At this stage, although Ohana is a striker, I don't really know where I am the midfield to sweeper going to play him on Sunday.

"I have so many options that I can take with him. "Our strike-line of

Frank Farina, John Kosmina and Grant Lee, has been playing well and I am reluctant to break it up at this stage. But obviously a player of Ohana's calibre has to be included in the team somewhere.

"I could use him as an attacking midfielder, but as I said before, I have still to decide and will make my decision after our match up in Brisbane tomorrow night," Thomson said.

The World Cup Israeli star is best remembered by Australian fans when he received a red card in Melbourne during the · second half in Israel's Oceania elimination clash against Australia.

The highly emotional striker was reluctant to leave the field and had to be assisted from the pitch by his Israeli officials as he burst into tears.

Sydney City's sweeper, Alex Robertson is in doubt for Sunday's match. Robertson had to pull out of the NSW squad beaten 1 nil last Sunday by Queensland in Brisbane.

Should Robertson be unavailable. Gerardo Gomez could switch from behind Steve O'Connor and Ohana slot into the left side of midfield with Murray Barnes and Joe Watson shifting across the centre-line one spot.

Meanwhile, Canberra City has strung together some pretty fair results recently.



**AUGUSTO PALACIOS** 

Tommy Sermanni's soldiers are riding a small crest of a wave at the moment, following their sensational victory over the high flying Sydney Olympic in last Friday night's Cup clash.

Canberra with their Peruvian striker, Augusto Palacios playing extremely well since his comeback from a dislocated elbow, together with the magnificent goalkeeper, Anthony Franken keeping wickets with world class efficiency, the lads from the National Capitol will be

their money. Canberra's efficent their last line.

out to give the NSL

Champs a real run for

midfield skipper, Tommy Sermanni, said: "I make no predictions. We are taking every game one at a time and we will do the same with Sydney City,"

Canberra now has Terry Byrne back on deck in the sweeper's role which has injected much experience and confidence to

# APIA DOWNS SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

APIA Leichhardt, second last placed from the bottom of the league ladder, defeated Sydney Olympic 3-2 at Lambert Park on Sunday.

arranged as part of Mark Koussas' transfer to Apia from Olympic was an exhibition clash.

However, the former Sydney Olympic striker, Koussas showed a welcomed return to form by scoring two of the goals against his former club.

Fellow striker, Tony Morsello added the third for Apia.

Sydney Olympic, who did not field a full

The match which was strength side, scored their goals through the ever reliable utility player, Stuart Johnston whilst the other came from their recently returned striker, Terry

> Olympic's star striker, Marshall Soper, is believed to have asked his club for a transfer.

The Sydney Olympic board is meeting tonight to discuss the player's request.

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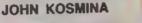
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STEVE O'CONNOR



CANBERRA's custodian ANTHONY FRANKEN may well be in for a busy afternoon.

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# THE GONG AIMS TO STAY TOP

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

WOLLONGONG CITY expects a big crowd next Monday on the Queen's Birthday long weekend at the Wollongong Showground when they meet the visiting Sydney Olympic.

Wollongong aims to still be on top of the NSL ladder after full time.

The highly fancied Sydney Olympic although still the only undefeated side in the NSL has seen its form slip over the last few weeks to be held to a draw five times.

Last Friday they were knocked out of the Nanda Soccer Cup by Canberra and last Sunday in an exhibition match with Apia, lost 3-2 at Lambert

Star striker, Marshall Soper, after the Canberra match, immediately asked Olympic for a transfer while their other starstriker, Stuart Stevenson has still not settled in with his new club.

But while Olympic is having its problems, everything seems to be going smoothly for John Fleming's Wollongong City.

Leading the NSL ladder with 12 points from their eight matches played to date, Wollongong City has scored only 11 goals but have conceded only

Sydney Olympic trailing Wollongong by one point on the ladder, have scored a massive 18 goals and given away nine.

Wollongong's strength this season stems from their unyielding defence which has been so gallantly led by their blond centre-back skipper, Ray Vlietstra.

Vlietstra, a former World Youth Championship defender, has made a comeback, after breaking a leg, to play the best Soccer of his career.

Wollongong's South American pair, Saul Rivero and Leon Acosa have added much flair and colour to the South Coasters while David Green. Jock Morlando and former Sydney City man, Willie Murray are playing some great stuff for Wol-

# NEW ARGENTINE TO MARCONI BE RUSHED INTO MARCONI'S SIDE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI next Sunday gets set for their match of the year, "The Italian Job" when they clash at Marconi Stadium with their long time arch rivals, Apia. Marconi's second Argentine signing, Osvaldo El'ali arrives in Australia tomorrow and will play in this Italian Derby.

El'ali aged 24, is a left against Sydney Olympic at winger and formally played with Argentinos Juniors.

With Mark Jankovics' fitness still under a cloud, and David Lowe also doubtful, the Argentine's arrival couldn't have been timed better.

Les Scheinflug's Marconi will start this match as definite favourites as Apia's recent results have not been spectacular.

But despite Apia's poor recent results, last Sunday in an exhibition match

Lambert Park, Apia defeated last year's National Cup winners 3-2.

Two of the goals scored for Apia were netted by nuggety striker, Mark Koussas who has at last hit form, whilst a third was struck by Tony Morsello.

This augurs well for Apia on Sunday.

Apia to date have scored only eight goals in their eight League matches and have conceded 12.

Marconi have knocked

in 14 and conceded 10. Scheinflug said last

"These derby matches have always meant a lot to the two clubs and they have always been very hard encounters.

"I will definitely play El'ali on Sunday."

Marconi's line-up should be:

James: Carter, Sterrey, Wheatley, Rizzotto: Gray, Janin, Mason, Tredinnick Jankovics, Brown, Lowe, Elali (two strikers to be omitted).

# APIA



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## ROSEBUDS READY FOR MARCONI

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

**NEWCASTLE Rose**bud United provided food for thought for Marconi coach Les Scheinflug last Saturday when United won a challenge match 3-1 at the Adamstown Sports Ground.

Admittedly, it was only a friendly, arranged during the weekend of the Nanda Cup play-off.

But following Marconi's 2-2 draw with Rosebuds, coming from behind at Marconi Stadium on May 18, Scheinflug may need to take stock of his resources before the two teams meet again in a second round match in the Olympic Airways National League on August 16.

WILLIE MURRAY

\* Australian Youth International Mark Jones was the destroyer on Saturday with a hattrick.

longong.

The first came from the penalty spot after Ralph Maier was brought down inside the box.

Jones made it 2-0 after 17 minutes with a well struck volley on the turn to beat Bruce James in the Marconi goal,

Two minutes after half time Craig Mason reduced Rosebuds lead with a close range header.

But Rosebuds made the result secure in the 53rd minute as Jones, Bobby Naumov and Sean Ingham combined brilliantly to produce Jones' third goal.

David Lowe and Peter Tredinnick did not appear for Marconi. But their absence was countered by Rosebuds' John Cavanagh, Joe Senkalski and Stuart Heap missing the match which provided a great deal of entertaining football for a crowd of more than 700.

LEON ARCOSA



MARK KOUSSAS

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# THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

# AN ORIGIN BATTLE?

THE Queensland Soccer Federation could push for a State of Origin interstate clash next season.

QSF president and Australian Soccer Federation vice-president, Ian Brusasco, believes the idea could have a lot of merit and could inject more interest into interstate football.

Rugby League revived its interstate series five years ago when a State of Origin format was introduced. It also enabled Queensland to win the

According to Brusasco, if State of Origin Soccer was introduced the eligibility rules would have to be carefully thought out and clearly defined as Soccer with its many imports and considerably more active

transfer market differs somewhat from rugby

But one suggestion has been that a player's state of origin would be the one in which he played his first Australian senior football match.

The thought of a State of Origin Queensland Soccer team excites many within the code in the Sunshine State.

Players from the south who would be eligible to wear the Maroon could include, Frank Farina, Alan Hunter, Manis Lamond, Ray Junna, and David Ratcliffe. Others who have had stints in Queensland and many

come under consideration depending on the rules include Larry Gaffney, Tony Pezzano, Tony Brennan, Paul Ontong and Tony Redmond. And there would be others come out of the woodwork once the rules were set and backgrouns investi-

Of course, there would be other players hwo have been regulars for Queensland and New South Wales who sudeenly could be out of the running. John Kosmina, a former Adelaide player, is one who immediately springs to mind.

Brusasco is likely to investigate the alternatives when the QSF management committee reviews this year's interstate promotion, held last weekend at Perry Park.



David Ratcliffe . . . driving force for St George

# CANCELLED TOUR DAMPENS SPIRITS

THE cancellation of Queensland's proposed tour of Papua New Guinea this season was disappointing for players who had made tour selection their season target — and Mark Brusasco could have reason to be more disappointed than most.

Brusasco has been one of the most consistent players in the XXXX League this season adn would have been a certainty for selection.

The powerful striker is in his second year with Ipswich club Coalstars and is playing best football of his career. Under coach Brian Styles, who Brusasco highly rates, Brusasco is not only making goals but scoring them

His goed form has compensated for the poor star to the season by Dave Wheeler, a state squad member last season. Brusasco switched from Easts to Coalstars particularly to team with the Englishman but has outshone Wheeler in all depart-

Brusasco, 25, suffered some cruel jibes when he won the Rothman's medal four years ago - being the son of QSF president Ian Brusasco. But Mark

has always showing great character to ignore the fools and if he continues his current form he could really silence them with a second medal win this season.

# QSF ON THEIR TOES

THE Queensland Soccer Federation is believed to be formulating a plan to ensure the code does not suffer if one of both of the state's National League teams are axed at the end of the season.

With Soccer competing against rugby league, rugby union and Australian rules in Queensland, image and promotion is vital. and there are some within the QSF who fear Queensland Soccer could face an image problem if Lions and Brisbane City are unceremoniously dumped from the National League.

The QSF has always left spaces for the two clubs in its top competition, and QSF president Ian Brusasco has always campaigned for the two clubs to decide their own destiny and return to the XXXX League. Brusasco maintains the return of the two clubs would make for the best local competition

But that point aside, sponsors and supporters of Queensland Soccer would find it hard to understand the complex formula and politics which could force City and Lions out of the

To combat any negative feelings towards the code, the QSF is planning to launch the state team into a hectic representative program in 1987.

Aiready plans have been finalised to play a series at home against Fiji and it has been revealed the QSF is negotiating with teams in New Zealand. QSF secretary Alan Vessey recently flew to Auckland for talks.

And the QSF also is examining proposals from overseas teams for Down Under tours.

"The Queensland team is Queensland Soccer's most valuable asset. People in other codes judge our competitiveness by the performance of our state team," Vessey said.

Vessey will not comment furhter on the 1987 plans for fear of preempting any NSL decisions but he did confirm that the QSF was not just sitting back and waiting for things to happen within the NSL.

until late in the year. We said.

have to start planning now for next season and it would suffice to say at this "The 14 teams for next stage that we have consiyear will not be known dered all alternatives," he

# MARTIN KIRSOPP

MARTIN Kirsopp is the name on everyone's lips in Queensland Soccer at the moment and that's made his XXXX League club Mount Gravatt at little nervous.

Kirsopp, 21, forced his way into the Queensland team this season with some brilliant performances for the Hawks and now Mount Gravatt officials are concerned their pocket dynamo could besnapped up by an NSL club.

"I have no doubts that Marty could do a job at National LEague level and it has never been Mount Gravatt's policy to stand in te way of a player wanting to advance his Soccer career," club president Paul Lonton said.

"But if Marty went it would leave a mightly big hole in our side and I think it is understandable that the thought is not one we like to dwell upon."

Kirsopp came to Mount Gravatt three years ago after playing with success with Gisborne City in the New Zealand national competition.

He began his career as an apprentice with Sunderland but in the end was not offered terms because they considered him too short. Ever since then, Kirsopp has gone about proving that height is not the be-all and end-all of foot-

It certainly hasn't gone against the nuggety midfield since he arrived in Brisbane and in each season since he was signed by Mount Gravatt, Kirsopp has been among the leading vote-getters in the annual Rothmans medal

And this season, he is among the favourites

"I just like playing football and Mount Gravatt are a great club to play for. I am more than happy at Dittmer Park," Kirsopp said, refusing to at this stage even contemplate a move to NSL.

But his coach Eric Thompson has no doubts that the approaches will eventually come.

"At first a lot of people dismissed Marty because they thought he was too small but he has shown in three years of Brisbane football that he can more than hold his own. There's a few players around the place who will vouch for how tough he is in the tackle," Thompson said.

"But at this level. things at times come too easy for Marty. I have no doubts that the better player around him, the better Marty will play."

What will further enchance Kirsopp's appeal to other clubs is that he recently gained his permanent residency, subject to a routine medical.

"We are grateful for the work Senator Ron Boswell did there and its comforting to know that Marty's in Australia for good. Marty's a real Mount Gravatt boy now, and for that reason I think he would be with us for a while yet," Lonton said.

# HONOURS SHARED

THE honours were shared when two of Queensland Soccer's fiercest rivals clashed in the XXXX League recently — and a score still has to be settled.

Grant Thistle played a 1-1 draw in what was billed as the grudge match of the season. Rivalry between the two club has existed since the dominated the early days of the State League.

The rivalry waned a little in recent seasons until recently when Mount Gravatt coach Eric Thompson tipped petrol on the smouldering embers with a swipe at Thistle in his weekly column in the QSF publication, Go Soccer.

Thompson predicted Thistle would be relegated and added "they have contributed nothing to the competition and will not be missed.

Thistle answered those accusations by stagina a brilliant start to the season and were looking for the ultimate revenge by downing the Hawks at home. The draw didn't quite fulfil those hopes that Grange will be gunningfor Thompson again in the second round at Lanham

But Thompson conceded the northside club had made it's point.

"We blitzed them, but we didn't win so I guess I have to carry the can,' he said.

"But it was good to get a bit more feeling back into Brisbane Soccer and I sometimes wish a few

Mount Gravatt and others would be willing to put their necks on the block.

> "I think it's all part of the game and helps build atmosphere."

> After a weekend off because of the interstate clash, the XXXX League resumes this weekend with the table exciting tightly packed.

Shock lesses in the last round by the previously undefeated Easts and North Star have left the competition wide open. And most of the leaders clash against each other this weekend.

Grange Thistle have a local derby against North Star and there certainly should be plenty of feeling in the Lanham Park clash. It will be a return to their former home ground for North Star's Gordon Buchanan and Dave Gallagher and player-coach Iain Fagan.

Easts and Mount Gravatt also will play their southside derby. Players have regularly switched between the two clubs over the years and clashes and two sides area always tough.

Ipswich United, the other team among the leading pack has the seemingly easier tie against lowly Taringa and could gain a jump on its rivals.

GARY THORNTH-WAITE, SBS-TV's Executive Sports producer, cannot be accused of not being a real team leader of his production squad.

Early yesterday morning when his crew was bringing in Live from Mexico the Brazil vs Spain match, Gary supplied everybody with bacon, eggs, toast, jam, coffee and tea. And all out of his own pocket.

No mean feat at that, considering he had no less than 16 people to accommodate plus the fact that he supplied all the necessary cutlery and crockery and dld most of the cooking to boot.

Well done Gazza, but the bread lasted for a few minutes.

SBS TV has a special stock of guests all lined up to present with Les Murray the telecasts from Mexico. Resident guest, former Australian World Cup captain, Johnny Warren, will be joined by Les Scheinflug, Eddie Thomson, Atti Abonyi and Frank Arok over the next few mornings.

PETER KATHOLOS, Sydney Olympic's powerful left-midflelder, arrives back in Australia next Saturday. Already two Sydney NSL clubs are after Peter's services.

Katholos has spent the last five months in Greece with last year's Cup holders, Larissa.

# ASW'S WRAP UP FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA

## Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

SHELLHARBOUR coach John Boyle got the right response from winger Colin Carragher and midfielder John Lloyd when he dropped them from his first grade team for the game against Port Kembla.

The two players were axed because they missed training the previous Tuesday night and didn't have an excuse.

After reading the riot act to his players at training, Boyle told the absentees they would not be in his team to meet Port Kembla.

"I have to have more commitment from my

players; they have to show a bit more dedication to the club and everyone con-nected with it," Boyle

Carragher went on in first grade as a replacement and scored the winning goal as Shellharbour got home 2-1.

Lloyd played reserve grade and grabbed a hattrick as Shellharbour thrashed Port Kembla 7-1.

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WHEN defender Ian Witheridge was shown the red card in the game against Aris he became the fifth West-Figtree player to take an early shower this season.

At that stage the club had also accumulated 17 yellow cards and no wonder officials were getting annoved.

The committee lined up their players the Thursday night before the Aris match and pleaded with them to "reform."

Paul Cole (twice), Rob Noakes and Phil Brown were the previous recipients of red cards in what is proving a disastrous season for the Graham Park

Incidentally, against

Aris, Witheridge scored his team's goal before he left the scene but Aris romped home 6-1.

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WARILLA WANDERS coach Eddie Mullan made a scathing attack on Illawarra coach Robert Fryer after Fryer overlooked Warilla goalkeeper Joe Seco for his squad to meet ACT in Canberra on Saturday.

Mullan said it was beyond him how Fryer could forget about Seco, particularly as original selection Fabio Fabrienisi became unavailable because of cracked ribs.

own club 'keeper, Theo Kalamanidis, but he broke a wrist against Fernhill and is also out of action.

Fryer's third choice was

Then Fryer went for his

Fernhill's Craig Armour but after what has happened so far it is a wonder anyone wants to take on the job -- it seems a jinx selection.

**GEORGE TODOROVS-**KI made an impressive debut with State League Wollongong Macedonia when they beat neighbours Fairy Meadow 1-0.



Originally with Vardar, Todorovski says he likes to play in midfield or defence but prefers the sweeper role.

Todorovski played with

Preston in the NSL during

the 1982 and 1983 season

and was with Macedonian

second division side Bal-

kan before coming to Aus-

tralia for his second stint.

He will strengthen what is already a formidable Macedonia defence as they conceded just four goals in their first eight games.

When they kept a clean sheet against Fairy Meadow it completed four games without goalkeeper Geoff Robinson having to pick the ball out of the back of his net.

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WHEN Premier League champions Bulli played Shellharbour on Sunday it ended a long drought for Bulli.

It was almost two years

Ironically the Shellharbour game wasn't what you could call an attractive fixture and there wasn't a very big crowd.

Bulli coach Norm Flanagan says the players aren't always that keen to be involved in the match of the day. "It means they

of the season."

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since they had been alloted a Sunday match of the day and they went right through last season without one, even though they won the title.

can't go out the night before," he said.

"The club would like to have one occasionally to raise a bit of money and the committee is hoping they might get a decent crowd-pulling game at Slacky Flat before the end

YOU might say Warilla

## South Australia

WITH TOM McKAIN

WILLY McNALLY, Adelaide City goalkeeper who has much to do with the team's current success in the Southern League, will make a late bid to be included in the Socceroos' squad.

He was due to attend this month's camp (June) in Melbourne but was shattered by a thumb injury which will keep him out of the game for six weeks.

However, SA State coaching director, Mike Wells, has assured McNally he will ask national coach Frank Arok not to delete him from his list of possibles for the Socceroos international program this year.

"I was looking forward to the camps and a chance to show what I can do," said a despondent McNally.

"I know it would have

been a long haul to make the final squad, but I felt good and my form has been good.

"I was keen to get into camp. Even that would have been an experience."

The colourful Irishborn, and accented, custodian has his right arm in plaster, which also covers most of his hand to protect a wired thumb-joint.

"The injury seemed simple enough at the time," said McNally.

"I came out to punch a ball clear in our match against George Cross and allowed through with my fist which hit Carl Gilder

on the head.

"Carl said afterwards he didn't even feel the punch, but my thumb hurt.

"I played on with it taped, and thought it was only jarred.

"But the docs found the joint had been ripped and they had to wire me up."

McNally has remined in training after being given permission by the medics to do any of the routines - provided he does not use his injured hand.

"I can't do all that much, but if I can keep the rest of me sharp I shouldn't take long to get my — hand going — again," he said.

It is this attitude which could impress Arok when McNally does get a chance in camp.

"He is one of the best trainers I have ever seen." said Wells, who had McNally in his team at the end of last year when SA

won the DCM trophy in an international series in

"He would be an Arok man as far as training and keeness go".

Another City player, centre back Neville Flounders, is also battling to make one of Arok's

He injured his back and stomach muscles at work, but hopes to be fit for the first camp on June 18 and 19 in Melbourne.

Flounders is another "trainaholic", and like McNally is bursting to get a chance of playing for Australia.

He is still holding an English passpart, but is in the process of becoming an Australian citizen.

Flounders and McNally will be joining team-mates Steve Maxwell, Charlie Villani and Sergio Melta in camp along with Adelaide Hellas pair Robbie Dunn and Alan Scott.



# JUVENTUS SINK CROATIA

A ROGER MIES goal in the 33rd min. of their State League North 8th round game gave Juventus a well deserved victory over a desperate Croatia.

The game, which was transferred from Prospect to Invermay Park due to a waterlogged Juventus pitch, was played in chilly and overcast conditions.

Both teams played open, attacking Soccer in the first half in the hope of notching up an early lead, but, although many opportunities were created by both teams, it was Juventus that was the more menacing.

Baxter caused much havoc with his long throws into the penalty area, and coach, Leighton Hodge, added a delightful and effective exhibition of skills.

The breakthrough came 12 mins. before halftime when Mies ran onto a through-ball, evaded a crude tackle by keeper Grainger, and recovered to blast the ball into the roof of the net from an acute angle.

Croatia had an opportunity to equalise from the ensuing restart. They caught the Juventus defense napping, but the shot hit the crossbar.

Juventus closed the game up after the interval in an effort to maintain their slender lead; while Croatia pressed relentlessly for an equaliser.

Schiebl, Spurgeon and Morley all either missed or had shots saved by the Juve defense.

Hodge substituted himself for Hemsley to strengthen the defense and, bar a couple of forrays forward, survived the Croatian onslaught to claim two valuable points.

Juventus move into third place in the league table; but Croatia slip further from the title-race. They have the unfortunate statistics of having lost to the four top teams (all above them on the ladder) and all losses took place on their own soil.

While Juve were clawing to a victory, George-

town, via a Sawson hattrick took the honours over a spirted Olympic, Devonport scraped in over a determined Burnie in appaulling weather conditions, and Launceston United gained their first two points of the season over Matric, courtesy of two penalties by Chris Gambols.

Round 8 results:

Juventus (Mies) d Croatia 1-0, Launceston United (Gambols, 2) d Matric (Mac Kenzie) 2-1, Georgetown (Sawdon 3, Hughes 2, Gaitani) d River- as they accouned for botside Olympic (Stewart) 6-1, tom team, Metro. Devonport (Best, McKenna, Frame) d Burnie (Luttmer, Jones) 3-2, Western Suburbs v Ulverstone --postponed.

Ladder (after Rnd. 8):

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# ATTDACIALIC HAVOC WITH TITLE-RACE

ATTROCIOUS wather conditions in Hobart postponed the important top-of-the-table 7th round State League South games that could have attracted by far the largest crowds of the season.

White Eagles and Glenorchy-Croatia v Olympia-WPL games to have been played at South Hobart as a double-header will now be played later in the season and may become the most important clashes of the year.

However, earlier during the week, Rapid gained their first win of the season with a 1-0 victory over Howrah. Blake's goal came from a free kick in the 35th min. of the game.

Caledonians also gained two valuable points

Parker opened the scoring with a 23rd min. goal. It was not until the 78th min. when Metro's Clamp equalised. But it was shortlived as Murtagh settled the issue with the winner only a minute later.

Round 7 results: Rapid (Blake) d Howrah 1-0, Caledonians (Par(Clamp) 2-1, Juventus-Pioneer v White Eagles (postponed). Glenorchy-

The Juventus-Pioneer v ker, Murtagh) d Metro Croatia v Olympia-WPL (postponed).

JOHN TSCHEPPERA



Wanderers and Unanderra finished "all-square" when they met twice in the one weekend at the same ground. On the Saturday, Waril-

la won their league match 2-0 with the in-form Jim Calci getting a goal in each half.

The following day, Warilla made the long trek back to Elizabeth Park but this time lost 2-1 in a shock Bampton Cup

In another third round Cup surprise, Mittagong managed to beat premier league opponents Port Kembla 3-2 "over the mountain" adding to the worried of Port Kembla coach Joe Moreno.

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SIX of the Canadian players involved in last Monday's 3-0 defeat by Wales were sent back to Colorado Springs for more altitude training. Manager Tony Waiters said he was not punishing David Norman, Bob Lennarduzzi, Terry Moore, Carl Valentine, Mike Sweeney and Pasquale Deluca, but feels they were not ready for

#### REQUEST

respectfully request that you point the following in your junior gossip column.

It is now evident that a number of teams will receive two competition points, due to Sydney City U/14 Youth League side touring overseas, without even taking the

What about the other teams in the competition who have to play a very good team in order to get the opportunity to possibly gain two points, this puts these teams at a district disadvantage and in a grossly unfair situation which should not be allowed to occur.

All teams train very hard in order to achieve a high level of skills so that they can give of their best on the field but it is very disheartening to see a situation that makes a mockey of all this hard work

I would like through your column to invite all associations to write to the NSWASF and voice their disapproval of this shocking state of the affairs and demand that Sydney City U/14 Youth League team be expelled fromt he competition forthwith.

I thought Australia was renowened for it's fair play and sportsmanship, but it appears this situation no longer exists.

**Concerned Parent** Kareela

#### **ETHNIC ROW** REVIVED

AFTER reading this section of your newspaper last week, I was absolutely shocked to read that an 80-year-old "POM" wrote a letter and made what I thought to be very racist comments.

There were certain sections of his letter which I was shocked to read.

And I quote "You can't expect Australians to watch teams with names like Juventus. Hellas, Croatia etc." The only comment I can make about this section in his letter is - where would Australian Soccer be without the Croatian, Greek and other ethnic communities?

This same man goes to say: "In the 1960's every team played the same formation - two fullbacks three half-backs and FIVE forwards."

All I can say to this is

we do not live in the 1960's.

Then this same man goes on to say that Soccer will never develop in Australia under the present set-up. He then says, and this is his most remarkable comment. "If an Australian-British League was formed with local names and no migrants or their descendants allowed to participate."

Can't you just see it now-Parramatta vs Manly. Crowd 101. Sounds like a rugby game — not

> Tony Dzaja, Fadden ACT

#### TURN TO THE YOUTH LEAGUE

I buy ASW every week, as I have two sons playing in the Youth League so I turn to the "Junior Game" written by Tony

Instead of interesting news regarding youth all he ever seems to do is criticise coaches, adminis trators and Parklea swimming Pool not being clean.

Who cares? It is only his opinion most probably not shared by many.

He must be so jealous of certain people that all he can do when he gets pen to paper is to criticise

Before he writes about these people he should have a good look at his own behaviour.

So, how about news about the boys and their games and not Mr Raciti's Ravings.

J. Petrow, Manly Vale.

brief and legible, preferably typed and one who is able to read the game guickly and change tactics rapid-I buy your Soccer paper ly when required.

Please keep letters

Fred these days has another hobbie in which he has beenmaking a name for himself

He usually acts as an M.C. at weddings and usually does a floor show with impersonations of Jolson, Elvis and others.

So for all those interested in getting in touch with Fred for anything from Soccer to entertaining here at last is his phone no. 674 1318

John Taylor

# MONEY,

I WENT last Sunday to

against Sydney Croatia and, along with many others, was surprised with what I had to pay at the gate.

watch Wollongong

P.O. Box 406,

Broadway 2007

Usually, when I take my wife and three kids to a game in Sydney it costs me \$13 all up -- \$5 per adult and \$1 per child

However, in Wollongong I would have had to have paid \$21 for entrance fee. There was, however a family discount but I still had to pay \$15.

The point is, why aren't entrance fees the same for all games?

Also, I would like to say that I believe the major problem for spectator riots and unrest is the fact that at some grounds, alcohol is being

Pele had.

sold.

M. Matich, Blacktown

#### YOU ARE THE GREATEST ... NOW HELP ME!

I am a Soccer fan. I have been buying your newspaper for the last two years and I reckon it's the best Soccer publication in Australia.

I am a Wollongong City Wolves supporter and Ray Vlietstra is my favourite player.

information on him. I on Ray Vlietstra on page know I can count on you nine of this issue. How's because if ASW doesn't that for service!

know the information nobody else does. Because ASW is the BEST.

1. I know he started playing in the Wollongong City Youth team, can you tell me in what year did he start playing first grade?

2. Did he ever play any other position besides central half?

I would like to buy posters or photos of Ray Vlietstra. Please write back to me and tell me how much the photos

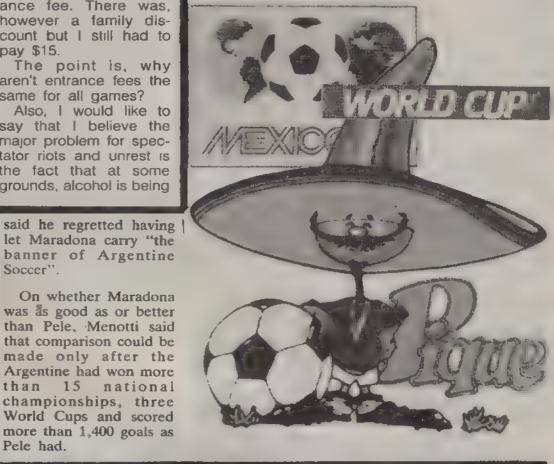
Fermande Da Rocha, Warrawong NSW I would like to obtain ED - There is a profile

## **BOREDOM SETS IN** FOR ITALIANS

THE Italian World Cup squad were very bored afer only a few days in Mexico.

After their 90 minute of the 1982 World Cup, is training session every morning they have nothing to do all afternoon, and regular rainstorms have largely confined the players to their hotel.

finding it hard to get used to the heat and altitude at the squad's base at Puebla. "I've never withstood heat very well, but my motivation is stronger than ever, so there's nothing to wor-Paolo Rossi, top scorer ry about," he said.



# MARADONA HEAD ON CLASH WITH EX-COACH

FRED

every week and I was

amazed to read that so

many people were in-

terested in the whereab-

outs of ex international

I ran into Fred last

week at Eastwood when

he was playing Soccer

for Schofield in the 1st

Division Inter Urban.

He told me he was play-

ing to keep fit and he still

enjoys it, but said that he

would like to coach a top

team like Sydney City,

coaches are getting the

jobs because of their

name. He said he is a

great believer that a good

coach is one who has

been through the mill

Fred feels that a lot of

Croatia or any other.

player Fred Dayney.

WITH the World Cup beginning for Argentina this morning star Argentine forward, Diego Maradona, has found himself embroiled in a personality clash with his former national coach — over the way the striker does his hair, and because he wears a diamond earring.

So far the coach, Cesar Luis Menotti, has kept his comments only for the

"I would like it if he has something to say to me, he says it face to face," Maradona said.

"I have no fear of anybody and even less of Menotti," Maradona added.

The two have had a

running battle since Menotti dropped Maradona from the national squad in 1978 after introducing him to the international scene two years earlier.

An Argentine reporter recently asked Menotti how Maradona would perform in this year's World Cup.

"I don't know," Menot-

"We have to wait and see . . . from the technical point of view, Diego has stagnated since 1984. And as a person, well, now he curls his hair and wears an earring . . . Well, he has no personality."

Maradona, retorted: "You have to be more of a man to talk to me than to reporters."

When Menotti excluded Maradona from the 1978 World Cup squad he justified the sacking by saying he was still too young for a tournament of such high calibre.

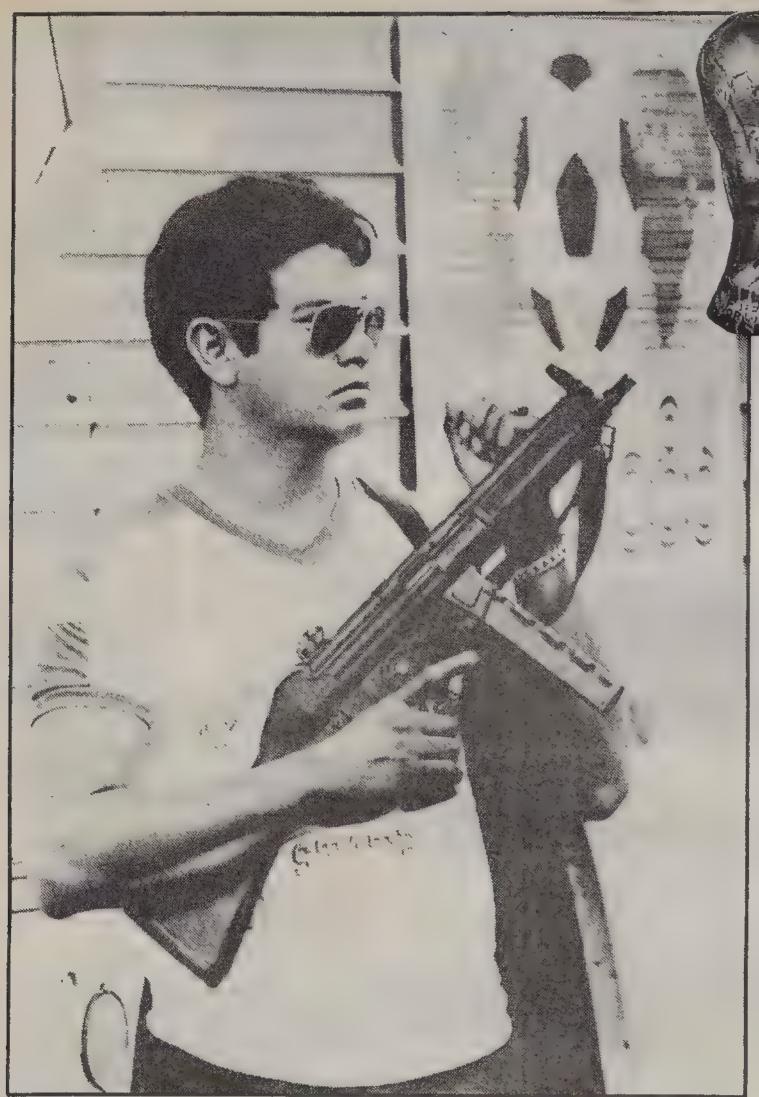
Menotti brought Maradona back to the team in 1982, but their relationship had not improved. Early this year, Menotti



ENZO BEARZOT, Italy's manager (right) and DINO ZOFF his assistant at left contemplate the draw with Bulgara on Sunday as the side trains in preparation for the showdown with Argentina on Friday.

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A policeman stands guard outside the Polish team bus in Monterrey.

# PLATINI AND FRENCH BOSS IN BUST-UP OVER TEAM

WORLD

**ACTION** 

IT may not be known but trouble flared up in the French World Cup just three weeks ago.

European Footballer of the Year Michel Platini and team boss Henri Michel clashed over selection policy.

World Cup captain Platini, who celebrates his 31st birthday during the finals, wanted the manager to name his first-choice team nearly a month prior to the kick-off.

"I thought it would be for the best if Henri Michel named the side before the departure for Mexico otherwise it would be a shambles," Juventus star Platini claimed.

But Michel, a former French international midfielder, simply dismissed Platini's remarks.

"Platini can say what he wants, but I don't think it was possible to name the side then — if only out of respect for those who won't be playing," Michel countered.

"If then, three weeks away from the first game, I said 'Here's my team' what would the 11 who hadn't been picked think?

"Everyone must hope and chance their luck right up until the last moment."



MICHEL PLATINI debate with manager.

The manager says he hasn't even decided on the side to meet Canada.

"I'll sort it out on the spot in Mexico," he added.

Michel, directing the squad's altitude training camp at Font Romeu in the French Pyrenees, also played down the results of medical tests on the players.

The tests showed a decline compared to those before the 1982 World Cup and 1984 European Championships.

France have been drawn in Group C in the first round of the Cup against Canada, Russia and Hungary and will play their games in Leon.

## FANS COMBINE TO CURB HOOLIGANS

A spontaneous bid by British football supporters to restore the game's good name and isolate hooliganism is gaining popularity throughout Britain.

Thirty-one year old Anthony Russell, of Reading, southern England, decided that something should be done by the fans following the European Cup Final riot in Brussels last year.

Since then his movement Supporters United has acquired more than 5,000 members, including some from outside Britain, who follow the fortunes of British clubs. They are now about to be given badges bearing an encircled handshake emblem.

The aim of Supporters United is to promote friendship and sportsmanship between rival fans; to assist officials to rid grounds of hooligan elements and to unite all genuine football fans.

Mrs Mandy Russell, and Luisinho.

Anthony's wife who is also a keen football supporter, said that her

husband was planning a 3,700 kilometre sponsored charity walk to each of the 92 Football League Clubs in England and Wales. The aim to raise money for charity and also publicise the Supporters United movement.

Members are linked through a newsletter with a "pen pal" section and voluntary contributions for administration and other costs come from members and supporters of the initiative, which is backed by club managements and players.

Currently about 50 letters a week are being received and regional committees have been established throughout Britain to cope with anticipated growth.

BRAZIL Ilmber-up the yesterday morning prior to the kick-off of their match against Spain. Pictured are conditioner Jose Carlos Nepomuceno, Dirceu, Brito and Luisipho



AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY - JUNE 3, 1986



# THE JUNIOR GAME

with TONY RACITI



# STARS DISPLAY THEIR SKILLS

ON Saturday 10th May, Sydney Olympic U/16 Youth team was invited to show off their juggling skills at Eastwood Shopping Centre.

This was not the first time the boys have been asked to perform in front of the shoppers. In return, jumpers were donated by the centre.

Sydney Olympic U/16's are still undefeated, well on their way to making the finals once again.



Pictured here, are Eric Hrist, club captain at left, Paul Giezerkamp in centre, and Steve Refines at right.

# **APIA YOUTH** LEAGUE NOTICE

One of NSW's leading junior clubs is now seeking applications for Youth League Coaches for the 1987 Soccer Season.

All applications must list previous history as well as their qualifications.

Applicants who have not coached previously at an extensive level need not apply.

Applicants are for the Under 13s, Under 14s, Under 15s and the Under 16 age groups.

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# CUP

Sydney Met Round 2

**Division 1** 

Pittwater Grammar 1 Narrawee 0. Balgowlah Boys 4 St Pauls 1. St Leo's 4 Callara, Killarney Heights 5 Masada College 0. Crows Nest 5 St Aloyisius, 1.

Division 2

**Epping 4 Hunter Hills** Crestwood 4 Galtson 1. Holroyd d Parramata Morist foreit.

Division 3

Holy Family 4 Evans

Division 4

Elderslie 3 Airds 0. Casula 3 Liverpool Boys'

Division 5

Canterbury Boys' 3 Dulwich Hill 0. James Cook 2 Kogarah 1. Kirrawee 2 Gymea 0. Jannali 3 Endeavour 1.

Division 6

Ashfield 4 Enmore 2.

# YOUNG OLYMPIC THE CONTROVERSY LINGERS

THE Under 13 and 14 State sides are in the process of being finalised, yet the controversy over selections linger on amongst the players and clubs.

The administration may been selected in the eyes devoted to their club sides. of the appointed coach, and if others were given the option to select the side, it most probably would differ.

No one could ever deny such a statement as each coach has his own style of play which is dependant on likes and dislikes in a players attitude and character.

However ASW is not disappointed on the team selections, they could possibly be the best in the State.

But what should not be allowed is where coaches competing and coaching in the NSW Youth League, are given the right to apply for NSW State coaching positions.

Coaching a State junior side is to some extent a prestigious position to hold, and an important cog in the development of our outstanding junior

A coaching opinion towards selection must be totally unbiased if the best players in this State are to be selected.

Only then can harmony be achieved involving players, clubs and parents. Appointing club coaches in such vital positions creates situations which the administration should be trying to avoid.

State coaches are logically in contact with all the talented players in this State, and especially within the Metropolitan competition.

They are State coaches rightly argue that the best for only a month or two, players in the State have the rest of their year is

> It has been often claimed that State coaches are able to manipulate their position and contacts to entice State players to their club sides.

All they need to do is sense a player is not content with his existing club, and then initiate an approach.

Why should clubs encourage and promote their players towards the State sides when it leaves that club vulnerable to having their best players enticed

From the parent and player point of view, having club coaches being able to compete for State squads creates biased selections.

These problems could be easily avoided if the administration decided to appoint neutral coaches to all its State teams. This would be viewed as

a step towards professionalism by all involved in the junior game. The politics created by

having club coaches will also cease. At this stage of a players career, politics should

be avoided at all costs. Players should be selected on merit and not who they know, or who they play

The downfall of parents and players is that they place far too much emphasis on State selection.

If their sons do not make the State side certain parents treat the situation

as the end of their son's career, or that drastic measures must be taken.

Parents should be more concerned that their boys are developing the skill and fitness to enable them to break into the NSL ranks, at the end of their junior days.

That should be the main and only objective of every junior player. Until then everything that happens to them in their junior days should be viewed as a learning process.

They must learn not to react so dramatically if

things don't go their way. Soccer is full of ups and down. If players and parents are not able to face and accept the downs, then they might as well give the game away.

If a player believes he has been victimised through missing selection, this should spur him on even more to prove the selectors wrong by break-

ing into the senior ranks. What better way to answer your critics.

It is at this level that a professional attitude is taken by senior clubs, talent is recognised and rewarded, and the imposters are sorted out.

The administration should review its policy on appointing State coaches, and adopt the approach of appointing neutral coaches.

Only then can politics and associated problems be removed and parents, players and clubs satisfied with selections.

## LITTLE BUT GOOD

ST GEORGE Olympic Under 6 soccer team are having a great season so far this year considering that all eight players in the team are in their debut season.

They are ably captained by their no.10 Peter Diles who is having a tremendous start to his Soccer career at the tender age of 5 1/2 having already scored 40 goals in just 7 games so far this season.

This includes 12 in one game in which the team won 18-0 and broke the St

Club record for most goals scored in a game.

Peter lists Peter Katholos and Mark Koussas as his favourite players and always insists on wearing the no.10 shirt which he has made his own.

The team record so far reads as follows: played 7 won 7, goals

George Olympic Soccer, for 53 against 3.

## SUSPENSION IS OVER

FIERY tempered State Coach Ian Lloyd nicknamed "Barry Michael" is back in the saddle after serving his suspension for 'riding in a vehement manner' against his opposite coach.

He looked subdued at confronted him for an the Soccer hub of Australia, Valentine Park at Easter.

BY FRANK FUNLAY

Whether he has cooled off is another question. His new 'mount' is the State U/13 side. Having a few ales with him until the early hours Ian told me a few yarns in his well known manner.

Whispering into your ears and try to make an impression on you.

When I asked him for a profile story on him about his new charges Ian agreed.

Next morning I took a snapshot of him.

Later when I wanted to interview him Ian was gone. In June I met up with him again and when I interview Ian was the old

Waving his index finger a few centimetres from my face Ian said 'No interview I want to keep a low profile. However, he gave in and obliged me.

Anyway I should give him a good wrap up as I feel the past is the past.

He is doing a fine job with his boys and he needs every encouragement.

Ian entered the Soccer scene several years ago when he played 1st grade for Granville. He is a school teacher and specialised and successful Youth Coach.

In his heyday, he played in the NSW U/16 State side. In 1962 he toured New Zealand with Keith Gilmour. Now he has the U/13 State side in his





#### TASSIE STATE REPS

DEVONPORT Soccer Club, on Tasmania's nortn-west coast, has two representatives in the Tasmania Under-19 State side --- Fred Guilbert and Michael DiPietro.

DiPietro, who hails originally, from Italy, has been playing Soccer for 10 years. He was a member of the State Under-16 squad in 1984.

Guilbert, whose parents are French, will get his first chance to play for the state this year, especially since a serious knee injury forced him to withdraw drom the Under-16 squad last year only a couple of

Mimon Miotto, Michael Dipietro.

weeks before they were due to leave.

Although Fred plays for the Devonport club, his younger brother, Anthony, himself a Tasmanian State rep. with the Under-13s, in 1985, plays for neighbouring Ulverstone.

Both Fred and Anthony have represented their regions in various age groups; and, both have

played against each other at club level, once only though.

Not only does the story end here. Youngest brother, Mark, is also a keen eight year-old who takes both his older brothers on, rather determined to impress.

Could be a case of hand-me-down-boots for this Soccer family!

- J.T. (Tas)

# **AUSTRALIANS WIN EUROPEAN CUP!**

AUSTRALIA's representatives in the Sorbo-Olympics played in Vorden, Holland, the Sydney City Under 14s defied all in their great triumph over some of Europe's leading junior sides.

In a tournament devised by the Vorden Football Club in conjunction with sponsors Nedac-Sorbo Group, five Under 14 clubs from Europe and our own champion NSW Youth League side, Sydney City played five games apiece over two gruelling days.

#### BY FRANK COLETYA

The victory by the youngsters really put Australia on the map as far as youth Soccer is concerned. Rank outsiders before the start they well and truly made their mark.

The side remained undefeated throughout the tournament played under rules set by the Dutch Football Federation.

Other notable clubs to be involved were F C Feyenoord, F C Cologne, Fortuna Dusseldorf, Schalke '04 and V V Vorden.

Such was the impact of the tournament that two clubs from Borussia Monchengladbaech in West Germany were denied

U/13 U/14 U/15 U/16

0-0 0-0 3-0 3-0

The performance of the young Australian ambassadors is quite unbelievable considering they spent three days travelling and only arrived in Vorden the night before the first game day.

On that Saturday they played three matches and two on the Sunday.

First up were locals Vorden, the Aussies won 3-0 and fronted up against Fortuna Dusseldorf next to win 1-0. The final game of the day was against Feyenoord which was drawn 0-0.

Sunday and the City Slickers faced up against Schalke and another 0-0 draw resulted. The final match between Cologne and our boys would decide the winner of the tourna-

The German boys needed a win to carry off the Cup by a point but the young City boys took them apart and won 1-0.

With this illustrious win under their belts the youngsters jetted off for

England and a 2-2 draw with QPR on the Loftus Road astroturf. City were in fact leading 2-0 until the blighted London weather turned foul and pitch' into a skating rink.

Crystal Palace also

Berkshire County to endthe tour. Another pleasing point

was established after the tour with a letter from Bisham Abbey commentransformed the 'plastic ding the attitude of the youngsters and their excellent behaviour.

Congratulations to all drew with the youngsters concerned, especially the before a 4-0 win over players. Well done boys!

# **WORLD SOCCER**

HERE'S a blurb for the World Soccer Quiz starting on June 6 at the Manly Warringah Soccer Club.

This is a first for a Soccer club. It will help to promote Soccer in a largely dominated league area. The competition is in knockout rounds consisting of teams of three people on each team.

The cost per team is a mere \$15.00. Teams from any area can participate in the fun.

Questions will be varied consisting of the laws of Soccer. A referee will be bar. present to judge the answers given.

Prizes will be given to winning teams, including cash and mystery prizes.

As the Club has recently been taken over by new management the image of the Club has been raised and we are steadily being booked up for functions.

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## **NSW YOUTH** LEAGUE RESULTS

#### DIVISION 1

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APIA	VS	Melita	1-3	2-1	1-1	0-0
G'dsville	VS	Nepean	0-3	2-4	0-1	2-0
Syd Oly	VS	Marconi	0-2	0-2	2-0	<b>63-1</b>
St.George	VS	Cant. M'vil	1-0	1-0	3-3	1-3
		DIVISION 2				
G'ville Ass	VS	Nth Bankstown	3-1	3-0	0-3	2-5
Avala		Ku-ring-gai	0-5	0-2	1-1	1-0
Manly Assoc		Sth Dists	1-4	0-7	0-2	1-3
Central Coast		Sydney City	0-2	0-0	1-1	0-2
		DIVISION 3				
Campbelltown	VS	Croatia Syd	0-12	0-0	1-9	2-5
Syd Yugał	Vs	Bankstown Ass	1-2	0-7	0-0	0-2
B'town Assoc	VS	Syd Yugal	1-3	0-0	2-4	1-1
U.Auburn	VS	Rockdale	1-1	0-3	2-0	5-0

# IT'S SIMPLE FOR SIMON

ANOTHER Tasmanian doing well for himself is, Launceston youngster, Mimon Miotto.

At 16, he has already with Launceston Juventus career.

#### DY JOHN TSCHEPPERA

enough to have been able tory over Croatia. to participate successfully in his two favourite sports 'like to play Soccer, teach athletics and Soccer.

The St Pats College student has represented father's birthplace, to live Tasmania in athletics at and play Soccer for a Under-12, 13, 17 and 18 while. levels, and Soccer at Under-13 and 16 levels.

had a fruitful sporting and is already playing in the reserve team. He's a left-footer and slotted in well as a left-winger scoring one of his team's three He has been fortunate goals in their recent vic-

He says that he would physical education or, hopefully, go to Italy, my

Simon seems to know where he's going . . . not bad for the level-headed, He has recently signed quietly-spoken teenager.

# AUSTRALIAN UNDER 14 INDOOR SOCCER TEAM

THE Australian Under 14 Indoor Soccer team has just completed a week's training at the Institute of Sport in Canberra in preparation for its tour of the United States and Canada in November.

The final selection of 16 players was made from a preliminary squad of 30 of the most outstanding players at the National Championships, held in Sydney in January this

Six players from New South Wales, five from the ACT, two each from Victoria and South Australia and a Queenslander make up the team which will play matches in Vancouver and San Fran-

The size of their task

1.9 million registered indoor Soccer players in the United States, nearly oneeighth of the total population of Australia.

While in Canberra the Australian team played several matches against local sides, including an Under 16 team and the ACT Under 14 State

Matches were very competitive but by the end of the week, the team was demonstrating great skill and cohesion, reflecting the hard work put in by can be appreciated when it coach, John Hibberd, and is realised that there are trainer, Garry Rice, both

of the ACT.

Among the highlights of the games were a very narrow three-two defeat by the Under 16 team and a six-nil victory over the ACT Under 14 squad.

Members of the squad are now engaged in fund raising to contribute to the cost of the trip, which will be around \$35,000. Team Manager, Alois Jemsek, is actively seeking sponsorship for the team, whose members will be excellent ambassadors for Australia during their tour. He can be contacted on 02 604 1709.



The Australian Under 14 Indoor Soccer team at its training camp at the institute of Sport, Canberra, 16th May, 1985.

Back Row: John Hibberd (ACT, Coach), Con Alexandriakis (ACT), Ross Hay (Victoria), John Boursianis (NSW), Joe Molina (ACT), Andrew Wallace (ACT), Andrew Juhart (NSW), Gary Rice (ACT, Trainer).

Front Row: Philip Rice (ACT), Anthony Hulse (SA), Jason McAuliffe (Vic), Damon Langan (NSW), Nicholas Hibberd (ACT), Heath Robertson (SA), Craig Hammant (Queensland).

Missing: Caleb Finks (NSW), Andrew Sail (NSW), Paul Boaro (NSW).

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# The State League Story

#### MELITA EAGLES T FAIRY MEADOW 0

**MELITA EAGLES got** back into the winning row when they overpowered a dour and defensive Fairy Meadow 1-0 at Melita Stadium.

As early as the tenth minute John Fosman had a shot blocked and Ray Farrugia blasted a drive just past the post.

broke free and raced into the area where he was blocked by the keeper and fullback when he made a second attempt.

Sertbas hit the post for Melita on the half hour and another chance was wasted.

Melita stopped expecting an offside decision and Fairy Meadow attacker Cario also hesitated and in turn was blocked by keeper Pupovac.

A Kenny Wilson header was cleared from a corner and Farnsworth hit another two chances went

Fairy Meadow broke a very solid defence. away and the cross was cleared by Wilson as the game drew closer to full time.

In the 81st minute Farnsworth rounded the keeper and got to the line finishing let them down. where he cut the ball back to Foxman who put away the winner.

The final attempt came from Steve Baker to Warthe bar.

W GONG MACEDONIA 2 PENRITH 0

**WOLLONGONG MACE-**DONIA defeated bottom-placed Penrith City 2-0 at Cook Park.

The South Coast side has now gone seven games without defeat and has not conceded a goal in its last five matches.

Macedonia started at a brisk pace and the first goal came in the 25th minute after a fine cross Wayne Farnsworth from John Bingham found Barry Robinson who headed the ball with trememdous power into then in turn stopped by the the net giving the keeper no chance.

> Ten minutes later the second goal came through the big central defender Chris Ptalevski. From an Anthony Welbourne corner, Dean Gardner headed the ball towards the goal with Ptalevski heading it

Ian Hunter tried hard for Penrith up front but he sadly lacked support and in the second half the post with a volley as even with City pushing three and four up front they were unable to crack

> The second half could have resulted in more goals with Penrith trying desperately to pull a goal back. They openly exposed their defence but poor

The only sour note was the sending-off of George Todorovski. The Macedonian import incurred the wrath of the referee beren Baker who shot over cause of two bookable offences in the space of five minutes with about a quarter of an hour re-

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**ENGLAND** team boss Robson has 7 out striker singled Paulinho Futre as the player who must be taken out of the game when his side meets Portugal in their opening World Cup clash in Monterrey on Wednes-

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NSW WOMENS LEAGUE: First Grade: Putney Town 5 b Girraween United 0, Forest United 3 b Parramatta City 2, Chipping Norton 2 drew with Manly-Warringah 2 Reserve Grade: Putney Town 2 b Girraween United 0. Forest United 1 drew with Parramatta City 1, Chipping Norton 2 b Manly-Warringah 0.

OAK TURNER CUP.
Rd 2 Div 1: Pitlwater Grammar
1 b Narrabeen 0, Balgowlah 4 b
St Pauls 1, St Leos 4 b Killara 2,
Killarney Heights 5 b Masada
College 0, Crows Nest Boys 5 b
St Aloysus 1, Div 2: Epping 4 b
Hunters Hill 0, Crestwood 4 b
Galston 1, Marsden 2 b Carlingford 0, Holroyd b Parramatta
Marist wo. Div 3: Holy Family 4 b
Evans 0 Div 4: Elderslie 3 b Airds
0, Casola 3 b Liverpoot Boys 0,
Div 5: Canterbury Boys 3 b Dulwith 0, Kingsgrove North 3 b
Bankstown Boys 0, James Cook 2
b Kogarah 1, Kirrawee 2 b
Gymea 0, Div 6: Ashtield 4 b Enmore 0, St Andrews 5 b Glebe 1.

#### SA State League

Salisbury 1 Lion 1 Azzurri 1 Modbury 0 Beograd 2 Croatia 2 Polonia 2 Hellas 2 Elizabeth 1 Campbelltown 3

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#### **ACT League 1st Division**

Weston Creek 0 ANU 0 CCAE 2 Canberra United

Concordia Phillip 0 Juven-

Belconnen United 2 Narrabundah 0

Canberra Olympians 0 Croatia Deakin 2

#### **ACT Women 1st Division**

Weston Creek 5 Kambah United 0

Belconnen United 0 Queanbeyan 0

#### SOCCER POOLS SUNDAY RESULTS

#### Victoria State League

Western 2 Maribyrnong 0, Croydon-Fawkner postponed, Springvale 1 Box Hill 1. Thomastown 0 Ringwood City 2. Division One: Mornington 1 N Dandenong 1, Richmond I Broadmeadows 1, Sth Melbourne 1 Altona Gate

Queensland Division One: Kingsridge 0 St Albans 1. Div 3: Willow Burn 2 Kenmore 0. Div 4: Centenary 1 Griffith 2.

Tasmania South: White Eagles 6 Calies 1, Croatia 3 Juventus 0, Howrah 0 Olympia 5, Metro 3 Rapid

Northern NSW Div 1: Belmont S 1 Lake Macquarie 1. Wallsend 1 Austral 5, Weston 1 Highfields 2, West Wallsend 2 Central Coast 0. Div 2: Toronto 0 Belmont 2,

Pt Macquarie 2 Edgeworth 1. Newcastle 3 Maitland 0, Stockton 2 Cessnock 0. NSW Div 1: Melita 1

Fairy Meadow 0, Auburn 1 Warringah 2, Manly 1 Kuringai 0, Sutherland 0 Avala 1, Rockdale 2 Polonia 0, Penrith City 0 Wollongong 2. Div 2: Canterbury 0 Hornsby 6, Queens Park 1 Bankstown 3, Bathurst 0 Yugal 2, Artarmon 0 Campbelltown City 1. Div 3: Campbelltown Gunners 1 Port Hacking 1, North Ryde 0 Rooty Hill 5, University 1 Tomislav 0. Div 4: Eastwood 0 Sydney Uni 1, Spanish 3 Nineveh 0. Div 5: Chile 0 Hawkesbury 1, Green Valley 1 Pagewood 3, Dulwich Hill 6 Liverpool 2. Div 6: Colo Colo 4 Lansvale 7, Chullora 0 Petersham 2, Blacktown 1 Maccabi 1. Div 7: Argentinian 11 Jedinstvo 0, Crescent Star 3 Cyprus 1, Macedonia 2 Castle Hill

#### COMMONWEALTH BANK CUP

teams); Greg McLay, Rod Thistlethwaite, Mario Gregoriovic, Robert Ellis (MAHS).

Rodney Cecchini, Jason Price, Mark Easdown (KHS).

School Name: Mount Austin High (Wagga Wagga)

Round Number: 3 School Played: Kooringal High (Wagga Wagga)

Result: Mount Austin 2 d Kooringal 1

Scorers: Mount Austin: Robert Eilis, Rodney Thistlethwaite. Kooringal: Shaun Donnelly.

Best players: (both

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Avala	9	4	3	2	9	5	-11
Wollongong	9	4	3	2	7	4	-11
Warringah F/W	9	5	- 1	3	17	16	-11
Sutherland	9	4	2	3	10	9	10
Ku-ring-gai	9	3	4	2	8	7	10
Rockdale	9	4	1	4	15	13	9
Uruguayan	9	2	5	2	7	10	9
Polonia	9	2	4	3	10	16	8
Fairy Meadow	9	2	0	7	10	14	4
Penrith City	9	- 1	. 0	8	8	25	2

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	Gladesville Hornsby v Campbelltown City	2-
	Baulkham Hills v Campbelltown Gunners	
	Granville Chile v Bondi Manne	1-
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THE WORLD WIDE COURIERS

## NSW SOCCER FEDERATION

#### SATURDAY 7th JUNE

#### STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

North Bankstown Blacktown United vs Bankstown Lebanon vs Artarmon

Potts Park Francis Park

#### STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Baulkham Hills Granville Chile

vs Uni of NSW

vs North Ryde RSL

Ted Horwood Res Garside Park

#### SUNDAY 8th JUNE STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION

Wollongong Mac. Fairy Meadow Warringah F/Water Sutherland Avala

Polonia

vs Melita Eagles vs Uruguay Auburn

vs Manly Warringah vs Ku-ring-gai vs Rockdale Ilinden vs Penrith City

Berkeley S/G Corrimal Mem Pk Narrabeen F/C Seymour Shaw Park Knight Park Chopin Park

#### STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Campbelltown City Gladesville Hornsby Queens Park SSC Yugal

vs Canterbury & Dist. vs Kingswood Hellenic vs Bathurst '75 vs Dee Why Swans

Lynwood Park Pioneer Park Erskineville Oval Blick Oval

#### STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

King Tomislav Port Hacking Rooty Hill West United

vs C'town Gunners vs Mt Druitt Town vs Bondi Marine vs Moorebank L'pool

Croatian S/G Solander Pk No.1 Cawarra Park TBA

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# THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE

# THREE INTERNATIONALS SUSPENDED BY THE ASWA

By JOHN ECONOMOS

AT THE AWSA's Board meeting a hearing was set up to conduct an interview of the five NSW players who withdrew from the Australian team three weeks prior to the National squad departing for New Zealand in March.

The hearing resulted in heavy penalties being dished out and forewarned by the Australian Soccer Weekly when the boycott originally errupted.

#### SUSPENSIONS

Three of the five players, received two year suspensions, effectively barring them for selection to the National squad.

The suspensions are far more severe than what they appear on the surface.

The players, Mandi Langlaar, Cindy Heydon and Toni McMahon, all from NSW, will effectively be blocked from:

A) Playing against the touring side from Italy later this year.

B) Participating in the next Oceania Cup tournament.

C) Being selected for the 4th World Women's Invitational Tournament in Taiwan.

D)Will miss out on the first Women's World Cup in 1988 in Hong Kong.



MARGARET PETROV

In a communique sent out to the Media from Canberra, (the AWSA's headquarters), this week, the three players suspended were named.

Under the circumstances, the AWSA had no alternative but to treat the players with such draconian severity.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Robins who watched the

Cup, said that the Gold

Coast side will prove dif-

ficult for all teams in the

Championship as they

constantly fight for the

ball and bustle the

ing a far better goal aver-

age, won the Cup for

In other results:

Toowoomba nil.

Brisbane, however hav-

Brisbane 10 defeated

National coach, Fred

Any Australian team, cannot afford unexpected last minute withdrawals involving players or offi-

Administrators, both



**NSW's MANDILANGLAAR** 

State and National, must discuss, resolve and even compromise on problems arising within their sport.

In fact that is their moral obligation to the sport as well as to the players they control.

Intelligence, duty and above all commonsense has to prevail.

Egos must never inter-

"Cowboy" tactics have never won any warsnot to mention the damage through riducule that is brought upon the code.

At a time when the Women's Soccer scene desparately needs all the support, positive publicity and above all, unity it can get, a boycott, breakaway or whatever else, is the last

thing their sport desires. But the other two remaining players, that took part in the boycott, former captain Julie Dolan and Margaret Petrov, have had

QUEENSLAND CALL

want to jeopardise her selection for the Queensland state team.

drew with Gold Coast 1 all and played without Sharon Wass.

Toowoomba nil.

Ipswich nil.

Ipswich nil.

announced.

In the Final of the Cup wich was played on the Gold Coast, Brisbane

Gold Coast 2 defeated

Gold Coast 4 defeated

Brisbane 4 defeated

The two Brisbane

squads for the State Titles

which kick off this month

from the 7th through to

the 9th, have been

squad is as follows:

The Brisbane Open

Joanne and Kerry Mill-

man, Robyn Priest, Lean-

ne Priestly, Lyn Spencer,

Sharon Wass (Easts), Sandy

their sentences deferred till next July.

Dolan originally asked for her hearing to be deferred pending further evidence she wanted to submit in her defence to the AWSA.

The fifth member, Margaret Petrov, due to work commitments, was unable to attend the hearing. Her sentence also has been deferred till July.

But late last week, Julie Dolan contacted Canberra and has asked for her punishment to be dished out as she had nothing more to submit in her defence.

#### SECTION 31

In bringing down their decision, the AWSA stated that all five NSW players had contravened the Constitution's Section 31, which deals with bringing the code of Women's Soccer into disrepute and charges of misconduct.



CINDY HEYDON



FRED ROBINS

Walsh, Stephanie McMa-

hon, Leonne Yow Yeh

and Lisa Hadfley (Grange),

Kay O'Sullivan (Riverside),

Maria Rogers, Di Camer-

on (Coalstars), Teresa Cro-

nin (North Star), Susan

First reserve Britte

BRISBANE YOUTH

Jackie Wortley, Kim

Coomber, Raeanne Dow-

er (North Star), Helen

Mackay, Kim Ketter (Red-

lands), Samantha O'Brien

Monteah (Qld Uni).

Gundelach (Easts).

SQUAD:

The NSWWF did not escape the wrath of the National body.

NSW TINED

The State Federation, for its part in sanctioning the mass-withdrawal by its players, was slammed with a \$500 fine plus put on a \$1,000 good behaviour two

#### (Merton East), Leanne Au- Field 1 9.15: Sunshine gustine (Kingsridge), Tracey Young, Cheryl Barsby, Melissa Bale, Helen Steen (Souths), Samantha McKinney-IN matches played in the Referees Cup recently, the Gold Coast Smith (Inala), Lesly Mordefeated Ipswich 2-0 but lost national defender Teri McQueen with a gan (Nerang), Anissa Jones nett v B'bane Open knee injury. Teri will not rush back till her knee is 100% as she doesn't (Toowoomba), Michelle Ray (Southport).

#### THE DRAW FOR THE STATE TITLES 1986

at Geebing, is as follows:

#### Saturday 7th June Round 1

Field 1 12pm: Sunshine Coast v Toowoomba Field 1 1.30pm: Townsville v Gold Coast Field 1 3pm: Mackay v South Burnett Field 2 12.45pm: Ipswich v Rockhampton Field 2 1.45pm: Brisbane v Brisbane Youth

Sunday 8th June Round

year bond.

In my opinion, the Executives of this Federation grossly ill-advised their players to go ahead with their mass withdrawal.

It goes without saying



JULIE DOLAN

that we have not heard the end of this upheaval.

In fact I fully expect it to be just the tip of the iceberg.

#### NSW MENS PRESIDENT

I contacted Mr John Constantine, the President of the Men's NSW Soccer Federation, to which the Women's State body is an affiliate.

Although he was not formally presented by any of the facts of the boycott, Mr Constantine told me:

"To my way of thinking, there are far better ways of resolving differences other than suspen-

"My Federation has to formally by our affiliates on the matter.

"But I stress, if there is more to it than what I have read in the press, it is a very sad state of affairs."

John Constantine is a leading Sydney solicitor who has had 10 years Soccer experience within the National Soccer League and the Australian Soccer Federation.

Coast v B'bane Youth Field 1 10.45: Toowoomba the team from Mackay, v Townsville Field 2 9.00: Gold Coast v inexperienced will offset **Ipswich** 

Field 2 10.30: South Burgreat enthusiasm. Mackay Field 2 12pm: Rockhamp- Donna Fredrickson who ton v Mackay

#### Sunday 8th June Round

Field 1 12.15: Ipswich v B'bane Youth Field 1 1.45pm: Toowoomba v Mackay

Field 1 3.15pm: B'bane Open v Rockhampton Field 2 1.30pm: Gold Coast v Sunshine Coast Field 2 3pm: St Burnett v Townsville

#### Monday 9th June: Semi-**Finals**

Field 1 9.15: 1 v 3 Field 2 9.00: 2 v 4 Final 3/4th place Field 2 12pm Final 1/2nd place

Field 1 1pm

## **NSW SEEKS REVIEW FOR** THEIR SUSPENDED PLAYERS

FOLLOWING the suspensions dished out by the AWSA last week, the NSW Womens Soccer Federationissued a press release seeking a stay of suspension for its five players that last week received suspensions by the AWSA.

The Press release, signed by Ms Helen Edmunds-Jones on behalf of the NSWWSF, stated: "An alleged misdemeanour of the three socalled "Rebel Women Soccer Players", brought two of them together to meet with NSW Executives, their suspended assistant national coach and legal advisers.

#### BY JOHN ECONOMOS

"NSW Federation secretary, Mr Uwe Bracklow, said that there was no merit in the conclusion that NSW players had conspired to bring about two individual and five mass withdrawls from an Australian tour to New Zealand last March.

"The mass withdrawal of five players was based on genuine financial hardship and threatened job security for some of the team members."

The release went on to state that the NSW officials claimed that at a hearing conducted by the justice as was their coach and natural justice.

(assistant coach to the National squad).

Mr Lal Byers, the president of the NSWWSF, states in the Press release: "It is encumbent on the judiciary to stipulate the evidence against the parties and provide them with an opportunity to defend the charges.

"As far as we are concerned, the charges of misconduct have not been published nor has the evidence on which the suspensions are based."

The girls also claimed at the meeting that the AWSA was only able to contribute a certain proportion of their tour costs. and the same Association charged the girls for their own uniforms and AWSA badges they wanted to use as give aways to members of the opposing teams when on tour.

Following this meeting by NSW contingent with their lawyer, a request was being forwarded to the AWSA requesting a grant of a stay of the suspen-Board of the AWSA in sions so that the matter Sydney recently, the play- can be reviewed in accorders were denied a natural ance with the constitution

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Ten teams have nominated for the state titles and although very young and this handicap by their will be led by midfielder, went to Melbourne last year with the state side for the first time.

Meanwhile in the Bris-

bane local scene, the closeness of the competition can really be seen when bottom side in the first division, Merton East, defeated the top team Qld under 17s 2-0.

Predicting results is an impossiblity as all the teams have the ability (either way) to cause upset results.

#### **IMMIGRATION** PROBLEM?

Newman, Psaltis & Co., Solicitors of Level 59, MLC Centre, Sydney will accept instructions in immigration matters and also other areas of Law.

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# Wide World of Football



# ROSSI-STIRRING EMOTIONS ROSSI DEELS

THEY call him a World Cup derelict, a meone who reminds of past glories but can no longer revive them or hope to bring them any further into fruition.

#### BY FRANK COLETTA

But he is biding his time, and apart from the odd reply to the cynical media in Mexico and at home, Paolo Rossi just awaits his chance to ram the goals in and the words down the so-called experts'

Rossi's inclusion in the Italian squad, after being discarded by Juventus and AC Milan (to Verona) as a spent force and moreover a spent goalscorer, represents a colossal act of faith by Enzo Bearzot the Italian manager.

At 29 Rossi should be considered to have a couple of good years left but at best he is looked upon as a talisman. The critics suspect Bearzot is clinging for too long to the glories that Rossi brought Italy in 1978 and even more so in

But how can he dare to reject a player who has been such a lucky 'token' for him in the past, the little centre-forward's sheer presence is worth a goal or two alone.

Rossi is a man of questionable stamina but extraodinary ability, able to take a game and turn it with a single kick.

## HUNGARY **BLOW**

HUNGARY'S World Cup Final hopes received a severe setback with the announcement with skipper Tibor Nyilasi would have to pull out of the Mexico-bound squad because of his back injury.

## EASY FOR SPAIN

SPAIN are doing it easy in their World Cup preparations in Tlaxcala, Mexico.

The players broke training last weekend to spend time with their wives and girlfriends, who have been flown in for the big occa-

## SENOR

OFFICIALS of World Cup outsider Iraq one of the earliest arrivals in Mexico say their squad is getting used to the high altitude.

But they claim the heat is bothering their players.

But to come in from the cold (Rossi had a spell of one year out of the national team) is not alien to Rossi. He came in from nowhere in 1978 as he did in 1982 after being the 'meat in the sandwich' of a bribe scandal that ousted him for two years.

From day one the eyes of many will be focused on the lithe striker. If any man can, he seems destined to extract nectar out of poison.

Brazilian manager, Tele Santana, recently recalled his own words after Rossi's hat-trick put Brazil out of the 1982 World Cup: "Paolo Rossi is a great player. He has more than instinct. His intelligence knew how to find the gaps, how to get into spaces, how to punish mis-

Five times in that match Rossi found space, three times, with head, right and left foot he scored.

Rossi now looks even more frail than previously. His knees they say are long gone, but then they always were. Three cartilage operations by the age of 18 made sure of that.

Many considered him a great player, but a great goalpoacher is closer to



# WORLD CUP CHAMPIONS

MEXICAN authorities mounted extra security precautions last weekend to safeguard the Italian headquarters in Puebla as kick-off time in the World Cup neared.

More security agents were moved into the area to ward-off any chance of a possible terrorist attack against the reigning World champion.

Officials feel the Italian team could be a target of Lybian terrorists, in the wake of Libva's threat to attack American bases in Sicily.

And although Italy's players are going out of their way to indicate they are not concerned about the possibility of terrorist activity against them, they were more tense than usual as their game against Bulgaria at the Aztec Stadium on Sunday Australian time approached.

Italy's World Cup veteran defender Antonio Cabrini said he is worried about terrorism around the world.

"However I do not think anything will happen to us here in Mexico," he said.

"The security and safety measures are greater than those mounted in 1978 in Argentina and 1982 in Spain, and it should be all

"Probably people are fearing something will happen to us because the security surrounding our team is greater than any other.

"I suppose this is because we are the champions - we get more attention than the rest."

Team veteran Marco Tardelli said he is confident everything will go well and in the spirt of sport and the champion-

"Terrorists have had their opportunities to attack us in the past, but have not," he said.

"Why should they make an attempt here?

"With so much security around us, the players feel

"Everybody loves the World Cup and everbody loves the game of Soccer at this period - any attack would put the whole world against the attackers.

"They would gain no-

On the playing field,

Italian coach Enzo Bearzot fuelled specualation by not disclosing who would be his goalkeeper for the opening match of the series against Bularia at the Azteca stadium played on Sunday.

# HER CONTRACTOR TO THE PART OF THE CONTRACTOR TO THE CONTRACTOR TO THE CONTRACTOR SIAVS ON THE BALL

JEAN-Pierre Papin, the youngest player in France's World Cup squad, has surprised everyone by the speed with which he has adapted to international Soccer.

Papin, 22, who was playing with second division team Valenciennes a year ago and whose talents were discovered by Belgian club FC Bruges, is expected to be a vital part of France's strike force in their Group C

## **ARGY-BARGY**

**ARGENTINA'S World** Cup captain Daniel Passarella was sent off during a warm-up game in Colombia with local club Juniors de Barranquilla.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* TOPS

WORLD CUP defender Richard Gough of **Dundee United has** been named Scotland's Player of the Year by his fellow professionals. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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ITALY'S controversial striker Paolo Rossi said in Mexico City today that fate has thrust him into a new dispute about his playing ability before the 1986 World Cup, but that he was confident of siliencing critics.

The Italian press is still trying to have him benched, he says.

"It is not always possible to speak well of a player. I guess I am a big name and whatever I do makes headlines. So even when I am criticised, the criticism is harsher than for other players," Rossi

The 29-year-old star of Italy's 1982 World Cup championship team in Spain said he could play well in Mexico and he rejected claims in the Italian press that he had lost

"It's true that with age one's doubts grow and you no longer have the punch of earlier days. But I am fit and ready to play," he

In 1982 he was picked for the squad after sitting out a two-year ban for involvement in a fixing scandal.

In Italy's last three matches he scored three goals against Brazil, two against Poland and the first goal in the 3-1 victory over West Germany for the World Cup.

# BRAZIL STROLLS

BRAZIL'S World Cup Soccer team gave its best training match performance yet as it strolled to a 4-0 win over Mexican first division team Club America in Mexico City last week.

and we created plenty of opportunities, although we threw many of them away," coach Tele Santana in light "two-touch" play said. "We beat this team today to help evaluate just 1-0 last week but today we scored lots of goals."

But Santana said he has still not decided a starting line-up to face Spain on Sunday week in Guadalajara, the opening game in Group D which also includes Northern Ireland and Algeria.

Injured midfielders bigger margin.

"This was a good match Zico and Cerezo sat out the game, but team doctor Neylor Lasmar said they would probably take part their recovery.

In Guadalajara, Spain suffered an embarrassing 2-1 defeat against Atlas, one of the weaker Mexican League clubs.

Atlas, using an attacking line-up against Spain's more cautious formation, attacked relentlessly from beginning to end and was unlucky not to win by a

# TOTO VINNY RISKS

SCOTLAND and Northern Ireland didn't play a warm-up match before the World Cup because Ireland manager Billy Bingham thought the risk to his players outweighed any advantages.

Scotland boss Alex Ferguson had hoped to make contact with the Irish party, if only to train with

But Bingham said: "I don't think it was ever on — it wasn't worth the risk

BULGARIAN manager Ivan Vutsoz was not saying who would play in the World Cup opener against holders Italy on Sunday. "The reason is not because it is a secret, but because I hadn't made up my mind until just before kick-off, is that so difficult to understand?" he said, adding that Bulgaria had an advantage in the match as they had nothing to

as we are both very competitive nations.

"I can't imagine people like Graeme Souness and Norman Whiteside holding back even in training, and I think it's better we save it for the Cup."

#### DECISION

FRENCH manager Henri Michel has decided on his World Cup midfield combination - Michel Platini, Alain Giresse, Luis Fernandez and Jena Tigana — and goalkeeper Joel Bats.

But the rest of the lineup is undecided.

# FRANCE RUNS HOT IN FIRST WARM-UP BUT THEN BOMBS OUT IN SECOND!

FRANCE's first World Cup warm-up outing in Mexico saw it beat Guatemala 9-1 in a match played in three 30-minute periods early last week.

which France used 21

The only bad news for the French, who already have Luis Fernandez on the sidelines with an ankle problem, was that Dominique Rocheteau slightly injured a knee towards the end of the game.

The goals came from Jean-Pierre Papin (11th, 22nd mins), Michel Platini (19th min), Rocheteau (45th min), Alain Giresse (51st min), Philippe Vercruysse (90th, 97th mins), Yannick Stopyra (93rd min pen) and Ferreri (95th min).

However, there is some doubt that Vercruysses' final goal actually counted in the general confusion which occurred at the end

## BE LONE PLAY

**FRENCH** striker Bruno Bellone has recovered from a twisted ankle and hopes to be included in the team to meet the USSR on Friday.

The squad has a daily routine of general limbering up in the mornings followed by mini-match practice of four against four in the afternoons.

### ISRAEL WANT DOC

TOMMY DOCHERTY is in line for the Israel national team manager's job after Irishman John Giles rejected the offer last week.

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**BULGARIAN** World Cup striker Plamen Markov says he's enjoying Mexico — but wishes the country was not so close to the sky.

Whilst free-kick expert Plamen Getov has been practising his flyers in the rarified atmosphere and is delighted with the strange twists and dips the ball has been taken!

days later they met the University of Mexico and were inexplicably beaten 2-0 with a full strength team on the field. of a friendly work-out in

Though the Mexican's had some six top flight players out! The first divi-

But then just a few sion Mexican side went ahead after 24 minutes through Antonio Luque and then grabbed the second after 37 minutes when Mauricio Pea who easily eluded the French defence and goalkeeper Bats and last man Anot.



# ITALIANS DOWN TO SERIOUS

THE Italians are now well settled in Puebla and have got down to the serious business of preparing to defend their world title.

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After a barnstorming welcome to Mexico, the Italians settled into quieter surroundings to round off their training schedule. When they had to run a

gauntlet of supporters to a. bus that took them to Puebla, they left scores of journalists running vainly

# **ENGLAND World Cup**

REID

**MOVES ON** 

midfielder Peter Reid, 29, has probably played his last game for Everton - he is expected to sign for Tottenham or West German side Cologne this week.

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ONE of the biggest mysteries in English football is what has happened to flying and skilful winger Tony Morley, formerly of Aston Villa and West Bromwich.

For so long Morley was talked of as England's great wing hope, someone who could tear apart defences with a quick turn of pace and a deft swivel. It now seems all gone.

When Villa were on top of the heap some four years ago afterwinning the League Championship, Morley and team-mates such as Gary Shaw, Peter Withe and Colin Gibson were the toast of the town.

Shaw is battling back into the Villa side, Withe went on to England honours and also moved on but is now winding down a fine career and Colin Gibson is continuing with Manchester United, but what has happened to Morley?

With Mark Walters having broken into the Villa side plus the departure of manager Ron Saunders, Morley's spirits started to flag. After being a hero in a European Cup Final win he was on the outer and searching for a move.

He was accomodated at West Bromwich but after a stint there was looking for a move again although there were few takers. Brom put him on the transfer list and released him. There is talk he might reappear at the Hawthorn's but the strongest word is that he is finished and will drop into the the lower divisions.

Not the type of ending for a player who was ready to take on the world in the 1982 World Cup and was earmarked for the 1986 Cup campaign, some-

thing that failed to materialise.

Sadly the consequences of being a multi-talented yet erratic player doesn't go too well with English managers. Just ask Stan Bowles, Alan Hudson, Tony Currie and Rodney Marsh . . .



TONY MORLEY

# ITALY V ARGENTINA, LATIN PASSION

FOR a record fourth time in a row, Italy and Argentina will do battle during the World Cup Finals.

On Friday at 4am the brave souls that drag themselves out of bed will be able to witness one heck of a football match on SBS TV.

The string of four matches began in West Germany 1974. The match between the sides was drawn 1-1 with Rene Houseman turning on the class for the Argentinians and scoring their goal whilst the Italians levelled

through an own goal. In 1978 the World Cup Champions to be, Argentina lost their only match against Italy 1-0.

Many regarded the Ita-

lian team as the best in the competition and the way they beat the home side fitted this description. Roberto Bettega, Paolo Rossi, Giancarlo Antognoni, Marco Tardelli and Antonio Cabrini were all instrumental in the victory with the winning goal by Bettega being one of the best of the tournament.

In the second round of the 1982 World Cup, Italy again triumphed, this time 2-1 through goals by Tardelli and Cabrini, Passarella replying late for Argentina.

So get set for a torrid Argentinians.

confrontation. In '82 Diego Maradona was blotted out of the game by Claudio Gentile. This time there is no Gentile but Giuseppe Bergomi, another hard man. Maradona is carrying a knee injury into the World Cup and it will surely be tested on Friday.

Italy's king-pin is Bruno Conti, his service to front-runners, Alessandro Altobelli and Aldo Serena and even Paolo Rossi who should be on the bench will be imperative if Italy are to overcome the

# THERE WAS NEVER ANY DOUBT ABOUT ZICO!

EVER confident on the field or off, Brazilian star Zico made it clear after the game against Spain that there was never any doubt of him starting the World Cup.

The famous midfielder announced: "My recovery came along very well and so well in fact that I was able to make myself available for the first match for our side."

The 33-year-old continued: "There was a time when I really thought that I'd miss out on the Cup so to make it was a victory in itself. For this fact I feel better than ever."

His squad compatriot and captain Socrates, doctor by profession, says that Zico has recovered very

"He has done everything necessary to gain my confidence as to his fit-

After spending two weeks acclimatising to the altitude of Mexico, Brazil entered the tournament as one happy camp, full of confidence. Their last match prior to the Spanish match was a 3-1 beating of the University of Guadalajara, a very low-key

# HUGO IS FIT AND RARING TO GO FOR **OPENING CUP MATCH**

THE hopes in the World Cup of host nation Mexico got a gigantic boost when it was announced that their star striker Hugo Sanchez is fit and raring to go for the first match against Belgium at the Azteca Stadium.

Sanchez, 26, injured his knee in the UEFA Cup Final victory for Real Madrid against FC Koln last month.

His first real hit out was last Tuesday when he trained with the team albeit on a slippery and wet pitch.

He claimed the injured ligaments were standing

no chances.

Mexican doctor Aurelio

Perez Teuffer, head of the

World Cup Medical Com-

mission, said there would

be antidoping tests at all

the matches in the tourna-

ment, which opened on

Sunday with world cham-

pion Italy facing Bulgaria

The last case of doping at a World Cup involved

Scotland winger Willie

Johnston, sent home in

disgrace from the Argenti-

na finals in 1978 by the

at the Aztec Stadium.

NO CHANCES BEING

TAKEN ON DOPES

DOPING has never seriously threatened the

the 13th edition of Soccer's pageant are taking

World Cup finals, but the Mexican organisers of

up well to the rigours of hasn't hurt at all."

on May 9 there were initial doubts that Sanchez would be unable to prove his fitness so as to take his spot in the Mexican squad.

Scottish Football Associa-

tion after a positive dope

test. Dr Teuffer said that

tests would be carried out on two players from each

team during the first

round and three players

He said the draw for

players to be tested would

be made at half-time and

that team officials would

be told who those were

five minutes before the

end of the match.

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Mexican manager, the last week: "I'm con- Yugoslav Bora Milutinotent, because we've trained vic has been directing prostrongly and the knee ceedings of the Mexican camp at Los Aztecas and Toluca, some 80 After injuring his knee kilometres out of the capital.

Milutinovic's usual caper at training is to have 45 minutes of shooting practice then to divide the squad into two sides to play some one-touch football in the middle of the

The proposed Mexican line-up for the big one against the Belgians is as follows: Pablo Larios; Trejo, Cruz, Quirarte, Servin; Munoz, Boy, Aguirre, Negrete; Sanchez, Flores.



HUGO SANCHEZ gives himself a good work out in training for Mexico's first World

cer) Federation have been

ignored. Lack of dialogue

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ated our protest," forward

sources said the players

surrendered to the federa-

tion position and to an

appeal by Portuguese Pres-

ident Marlo Soares to end

The sources said the

federation had refused to

negotiate the players' de-

mand to double their

\$US2,000 (\$A2,800)

The playerd did not immediately give any

reason for changing their

"They are going to

train, they realise that pub-

lic opinion and govern-

ment officials at home are

not supporting them," said

Amandio Carearho, depu-

ty president of the federa-

tion and chief of the Pro-

tuguese delegation here.

protest on Sunday when

they failed to show for a

warm-up match in Mon-

terrey with a local Mex-

ican team. They had

vowed to boycott all prac-

tices and warm-up games

until the tournament

The players began the

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round.

Portuguese Federation

Jose Rui Aguas said.

# ADAMANT

ALEX

SCOTLAND'S World Cup boss, Alex Ferguson, is adament that in Jim Leighton he has one of the finest goalkeepers in the World Cup finals and no Australian sports fan will disagree with him on this point after Leighton's display against the Socceroos in Melbourne in the final qualifying round.

#### RECUPERATING

INJURED midfielder Carlos Manuel, star of the Portugese World Cup team, will begin a recuperation program today in a last-ditch effort to have him in action for the opening game against England in Monterrey.

## Cup match. He is pictured in Toluca. **PORTUGAL PLAYERS BACK DOWN**

SALTILLO, Mexico: Portuguese players decided to abandon their boycott of World Cup preparations, and team officials said the players gave up their demands for higher bonuses for the championship tournament.

tinue training now that with the (Portuguese Soc-

"We decided to con- our demands for dialogue

# MORED (CUP 11(0)111=11

**ENGLAND, Scotland and Northern Ireland along** with Iraq have been named by Mexican authorities as the most likely targets for terrorist attacks during the World Cup.

In a bid to ensure their nations participating in safety during the series, this quarter will get extra protection in Mexico's \$6 million World Cup secur-

ity operations. The Mexican government will deploy 40,000 soldiers, police and private bonuses for the first security men to try to 1984 Olympics in Los ensure the safety of the 24 Angeles.

the Bur-week series.

Also, with Mexico largely inexperienced in the fight against terrorism, they have been briefed by the FBI on the techniques they employed during the

## 'I'M BRAZILIAN'

IF you are Brazilian and you are in Mexico for the World Cup one thing is certain . . . you will never be short of a peso or two.

It seems the latest craze in the World Cup Fever origins of Mexico is to allow anyone with Brazilian blood running through them to purchase without paying!

Many of the 22-man Brazilian squad have gone into stores to buy differing things and turn up to the counters and registers to be told that everything they purchased is 'on the

Even the taxi-drivers are going mad. One Brazilian journalist couldn't believe his luck when after a long journey through Mexico City he turned to the driver and asked the usual question, "how

The driver though asked if he was Brazilian and when answered in the affirmative he was told there was no charge!

# DIJO IS

NEW Brazilian wonder-boy, ELZO DIJO is being pursued in earnest by agents from Italy. Switzerland and Mexico who are attempting to get his signature on a contract that would take him away from his current club Atletic Mineiro.

good, but myself I'd prefer to play in Brazil," said

# RUMMENIGGE OUT OF WORLD GUP OPENER

WEST GERMANY's hopes of a winning start of the World Cup recieved a major setback on Thursday when goalscoring ace Karl-Heinz Rummenigge announced he might not be fit for his country's opening match against Uruguay.

Rummenigge is still struggling to overcome a knee injury and doubts he will be fit for the June 4

The West German captain was clearly hampered by the injury as his squad stepped up its preparation at its luxurious training headquarters in Morelia.

Manager Franz Beckenbauer is unlikely to risk his star striker against Uruguay unless he is fully fit, banking on Rummenigge recovering completely for the rest of the tournament.

### NOT READY

A FIFA official has disclosed that the Nou Camp stadium in Leon, which will be used for World Cup play, was still not ready, just two weeks before the world's premier Soccer tournament is to start, thankfully it is now!

bers the last World Cup, in Spain four years ago, when Rummenigge struggled to produce his best form while carrying a similar injury.

Rummenigge's absence

Beckenbauer remem- will leave a huge hole for West Germany to fill against Uruguay - widely tipped as the tournament's dark horses — in the World Cup's toughest group, which also includes Scotland and Denmark.

But Beckenbauer is fortunate striker Rudi Voller has recovered from injury after being sidelined for six months.

Voller scored twice in a 8-1 warm-up win over the Netherlands.

# PLATINI AND FRENCH BOSS IN BUST-UP OVER TEAM

IT may not be known but trouble flared up in the French World Cup just three weeks ago.

European Footballer of the Year Michel Platini and team boss Henri Michel clashed over selection policy.

World Cup captain Platini, who celebrates his 31st birthday during the finals, wanted the manager to name his firstchoice team nearly a month prior to the kick-

"I thought it would be for the best if Henri Michel named the side before the departure for Mexico otherwise it would be a shambles," Juventus star Platini claimed.

But Michel, a former

French international midfielder, simply dismissed Platini's remarks.

"Platini can say what he wants, but I don't think it was possible to name the side then - if only out of respect for those who won't be playing," Michel countered.

"If then, three weeks away from the first game, I said 'Here's my team' what would the 11 who hadn't been picked

"Everyone must hope and chance their luck right up until the last moment."

The manager says he hasn't even decided on the side to meet Canada. "I'll sort it out on the

spot in Mexico," he added. Michel, directing the squad's altitude training camp at Font Romeu in the French Pyrenees, also played down the results of medical tests on the players.

The tests showed a decline compared to those before the 1982 World Cup and 1984 European Championships.

France have been drawn in Group C in the first round of the Cup against Canada, Russia and Hungary and will play their games in Leon.

opens on Sunday.

#### The protest caused a national uproar in Portugal and prompted Mr Soaves to send a telegram yesteday appealing to players and team officials to resolve the dispute.

A presidential spokesman in Lisbon said the president's message called on players and the federation to conduct a calm dialogue to "end a situation that the Portuguse people do not understand." The message also said Portugal's prestige and dignified representation at the World Cup was at stake.

not naming anyone as yet but he may be tempted. "Some of the offers Dijo.

The young midfielder is I've received are very